Anno octauo Reginæ
Elizabethe.

At the Parliament

by prorogation holden at Weſtmin-
ſter the laſt day of September, in the eyght
yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne
Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God,
of England, Fraunce, and Irelande,
Queene, defendour of the faith, &c.
and there continued to the
end and diſſolution of the
ſame: To the hygh
pleaſure of al-
myghtie
God,
and the weale publique of this
Realme, amongſt other
were enacted as
folow-
eth.

Anno Chriſti. 1567.

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¶ An Acte declaring the maner of making and consecrating of the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme, to be good, lawfull, and perfect.

¶ The first Chapter.

Forasmuche as diuers questions by ouer much boldnes of speach and talke, amonges many of the common sort of people, beyng vnlearned, hath lately growen vppon the makyng and consecratyng of Archbyshops and Byshops within this Realme, whether the same were to be duely and orderly done, according to the lawe or not, whiche is much tendyng to the slaunder of all the state of Cleargie, beyng one of the greatest states of this Realme. Therefore, for the auoydyng of suche slaunderous speache, and to the intent that euery man that is willing to knowe the trueth, may playnely vnderstande that the same euyll speache and talke is not grounded vpon any iust matter or cause: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche suche auctorities, as doth allowe and approue the making and consecratyng of the same Archbyshops and Bishops to be duely and orderlye done, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and therevpon further to prouide for the more suretie thereof, as hereafter shalbe expressed.

FIRST, it is very well knowen to all degrees of this Realme, that the late kyng of moste famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, aswell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in their seuerall conuocations, as also by all the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons assembled in diuers of his Parliamentes, was iustly and ryghtfully recognized and knowledged to haue the supreme power, iurisdiction, order, rule, and auctoritie, ouer all the state Ecclesiasticall of the same, and the same power, iurisdiction, and auctoritie did vse accordingly: And that also the said late kyng, in the. xxv. yere of his raigne, dyd by auctoritie of Parliament, amonges other thynges, set foorth a certayne order of the maner and fourme howe Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme,

and other his dominions, shoulde be elected and made, as by the same more playnely appeareth. And that also the late kyng of worthy memorie, king Edwarde the first, did lawfully succeade the sayd late king Henry his father, in the imperial crowne of this Realme, and dyd fully possesse and enioy all the same power, iurisdiction, and auctoritie before mentioned, as a thing to him discended with the same imperiall Crowne, and so vsed the same, duryng his lyfe: And that also the sayde late kyng Edwarde the first, in his tyme, by auctoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke, entituled: The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rites and ceremonies in the Churche of Englande, to be made and set foorth, not only for one vniforme order of seruice, common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be vsed within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also, did adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme how Archbyshops, Byshops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, should from time to time, be consecrated, made, and ordered, within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more plainely wyl and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, aswell the sayd Acte and statute made in the. xrb. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henrie the eyght, as also the seueral Actes and statutes made in the second, thirde, fourth, fifth, and sixth yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, for the auctorising and allowyng of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amonges diuers other Actes and statutes, touchyng the sayde supreme auctoritie, were repelled: Yet neuertheles, at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the first yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by one other Act and statute there made, all suche iurisdictions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or auctoritie, hath heretofore ben, or may lawfully be vsed ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely, by the auctoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and statute, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres & successours, kinges or Queenes of this Realme, full power and auctoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to tyme, to assigne, name, and auctorise such person or persons, as she or they shall thinke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her highnesse, all maner of iurisdictions, priuileges, preheminences, and auctorities, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any spirituall or ecclesiasticall

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power or iurisdiction within this Realme, or any other her hyghnesse dominions or Countreys. And also by the same Acte and statute, the sayde Acte made in the. xxv. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, for the order and fourme of the electing and makyng of the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops, together with dyuers other statutes, touching the iurisdiction ouer the state ecclesiasticall, is reuiued, and made in full force and effect, as by the same Acte and statute, more playnely appeareth. And that also by another Acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament, in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, entituled: An Acte for the vniformitie of Common prayer, and seruice in the Churche, and administration of Sacramentes, the sayde booke of Common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, and other the sayde orders, rites, and ceremonies before mentioned, and all thynges therein contayned, with certayne additions therein newly added and appoynted by the sayde statute, is fully stablished and aucthorised, to be vsed in all places within this Realme, and all other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys, as by the same Acte, amonges other thynges, more playnely appeareth. Whereupon, our sayde Soueraigne Lady, the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, beyng most iustly and lawfully inuested in the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, with all aucthorities, prehemynences and dignities therevnto appertaynyng: And thereby hauyng in her Maiesties order and disposition, all the sayde iurisdictions, power, and aucthorities, ouer the state ecclesiasticall and temporall, al well in causes ecclesiasticall, as temporall, within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreys, hath by her supreme aucthorities, at dyuers tymes, sythens the begynnyng of her Maiesties raigne, caused dyuers and sundry graue and well learned men, to be duely elected, made, and consecrated Archbyshops and Byshops, of dyuers Archbyshoprikes and Byshoprikes within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreys, accordyng to suche order and fourme, and with suche ceremonies, in and about their consecrations, as were allowed and set forth by the sayde Actes, statutes, and orders annexed to the sayd booke of Common prayer before mentioned. And further, for the auoydyng of all ambiguities and questions that myght be obiected agaynst the lawfull confirmations, inuestyng, and consecrations of the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops, her hyghnesse in her letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, directed to any Archbyshop, Byshop, or others, for the confirming, inuesting, and consecratyng of any person, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyshop or Byshop, hath not onlye vsed suche wordes and sentences as were accustomed to be vsed by the sayde late kyng

Henry, and kyng Edwarde, her Maiesties father and brother, in their like letters patentes, made for suche causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, dyuers other generall wordes and sentences, whereby her highnesse by her supreme power and auctho*r*itie, hath dispenced with all causes, or doubtes, of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or may in any wyse be obiected against the same, as by her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, remaynyng of recorde, more playnely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consider of the effect and true entent of the sayde lawes and statutes, and of the supreme & absolute auctho*r*itie of the Queenes hyghnes, and whiche she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, hath vsed and put in vre, in and about the makyng and consecratyng of the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops: it is and may be very euident and apparaunt, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubt, can or maye iustly be obiected agaynst the sayde elections, confirmations, or consecrations, or any other materiall thing, meete to be vsed or had in or about the same: but that euery thing requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath ben made and done, as precisely, and with as great a care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was done before her Maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her Maiesties sayde father and brothers tyme, and also of her owne tyme, wyll more paynely testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the playne declaration of al the premisses, and to the entent that the same may the better be knowen, to euery of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, whereby suche euyl speache, as heretofore hath ben vsed, against the sayde hygh state of prelacie, may hereafter ceasse: Be it nowe declared and enacted by the auctho*r*itie of this present Parliament, that the sayd Acte and statute, made in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the sayd booke of Common prayer, and the administration of sacramentes, with other rites & ceremonies, is auctho*r*ised and allowed to be vsed, shal stande and remayne good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that such order and fourme for the consecratyng of Archbyshops and Byshops, and for the makyng of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set fo*r*th in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Edwarde the first, and added to the sayd booke of Common prayer, and auctho*r*ised by Parliament, in the fifth and sixth yere of the sayde late kyng, shall stande, and be in full force and effect, and shall from henceforth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys. And that all Actes and thynges heretofore had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or about any consecration, confirmation, or inuestyng of any person

ſon or perſons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyſhop or Byſhop within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes Maieſties dominions or countreys, by vertue of the Queenes Maieſties letters patentes or Commiſſion, ſythens the beginning of her Maieſties raigne, be and ſhalbe by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at and from euery of the ſeuerall times of the doyng therof, good and perfect to all reſpectes and purpoſes: Any matter or thyng that can or may be obiected to the contrary thereof, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng. And that all perſons that haue ben or ſhalbe made, ordered, or conſecrate Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Miniſters of Gods holy worde and ſacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order preſcribed in the ſayd order and fourme howe Archbyſhops, Biſhops, Prieſtes, Deacons, and Miniſters, ſhoulde be conſecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede, and alſo by aucthoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and ſhalbe Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Miniſters and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and conſecrated: Any ſtatute, lawe, canon, or other thyng to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and neuertheleſſe be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that no perſon or perſons ſhall at any tyme hereafter, be impeched or moleſted, in body, landes, lyuynges, or goodes, by occaſion or meane of any certificat by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop heretofore made, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Acte, made in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, touchyng or concernyng the refuſall of the othe, declared and ſet foorth by Acte of Parliament, in the firſt yere of the raigne of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady, Queene Elizabeth: Any thyng in this Acte, or any other Acte or ſtatute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And that all tenders of the ſayde othe, made by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop aforeſayd, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion, to be made by aucthoritie of any Acte, eſtabliſhed in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, and all refuſalles of the ſame othe ſo tendred, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion, to be tendred by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop, by aucthoritie of any Acte, eſtablyſhed in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament; ſhalbe voyde, and of none effect or validitie in the lawe.

¶ An Acte whereby the defendaunt may recouer his costes, beyng wrongfully vexed.

¶ The .ij. Chapter.

HEre diuers persons of their malicious mindes, and without any iust cause, do many tymes cause and procure others of the Queenes Maiesties louyng subiectes, to be very muche molested and troubled, by attachementes and arrestes, made of their bodyes, aswell by processe of Latitat alias, and Plures capias, sued out of the court, cõmonly called the kynges benche, as also by playnte, bill, or other suite, in the court commonly called the Marshalsey, and within the Citie of London, and other Cities, Townes corporate, and places where any libertie or priuilege is to holde pleas of debt, trespasse, and other personall actions and suites: And when the parties that be arrested or attached, are brought foorth to aunswere to suche actions and suites, as shoulde be obiected agaynst them, then many tymes there is no declaration or matter layde agaynst the parties so arrested or attached, wherevnto they may make any aunswere: And so the partie arrested, is very maliciously put to great charges & expences, without any iust or reasonable cause. And yet neuertheless, hytherto, by order of the lawe, the partie so greeued and vexed, could neuer haue any costes or damages, to hym to be iudged or awarded for the sayd vniust veration and trouble.

FOR remedie wherof, be it enacted and ordayned by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that when, & as often as any person or persons, after the first day of January next comming, shal sue foorth, or by any meane, cause or procure to be sued foorth of the said court, commonly called the kinges benche, any of the writs or processe before mentioned, agaynst any person or persons, whiche vpon the same writ or writs, shall happen to be arrested, or which shal appeare vpon the returne of any the said writtes or processe, & shal put in his or their baile or bailes, to aunswere such suite, as shalbe obiected against him, according to the common order of ỹ court: that then in euery such case, if the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or

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procurement, the same writ, writtes, or processe was obtayned or sued forth, do not within three dayes next after suche bayle had and taken, put into the same court his or their declaration agaynst the same partie or parties, agaynst whom suche writtes or processe hath ben or shalbe sued, or if after declaration had and put into the same court, the plaintife in suche case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shal willingly and apparauntly to the same court, suffer his or their sayde suite to be delayed, or shall after declaration so had, suffer the same suite to be discontinued, or otherwise, shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in euery such case, the Judges of the said court for the time being, shal by their discretions, from time to time, as they shall see or perceaue any suche default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procuremēt, such writs or processe was sued forth, awarde and iudge to euery suche person and persons so arrested, vexed, molested, or troubled by such writtes, or suite, his and their costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such writs, processe, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such writtes or processe to be sued forth, as is aforesayde.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, shall after the sayde first day of Januarie, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to aunswere to any bill, plainte, action, or suite, in the sayde court of the Marshalsey, or in any court within the sayde Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuilege is vsed to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and do not in all courtes, hauyng their continuaunce, De die in diem, within three dayes next after suche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendauntes shalbe bayled, or otherwyse appeare in court, by force of any arrest or attachement had and returned, and in all other courtes at the next session or court to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachementes, and appearaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendauntes, where as the sayde partie defendaunt or defendauntes, shalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further day shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the court, from whence any precept, processe, or attachement, shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his bill, or declaration, agaynst suche person or persons, as so by his suite and meanes, shalbe attached or arrested into suche court, where the partie by suche attachement or arrest, is compelled, or ought to appeare, or yf any suche person or persons, at whose suite or meanes any suche attachement or arrest of any person or persons, shalbe so had and made, after his declaration,

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bill, or playnte exhibited, do not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shal suffer the same to be discontinued, or shal after be nonsuite in the same, or willingly and apparauntly to the same court, shal for veration of the defendaunt in suche suite delay the same suite: That then in euery suche case, the Judge or Judges of euery suche court, before whom any person or persons shall so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occasion or meane of any suche attachment or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shall foorthwith by his or their discretion, from time to time, as he or they shal see or perceaue any suche default or delay, in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachement or arrest to be had, awarde and iugde to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde first day of January, shall so be attached, arrested, molested, vexed, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any suche attachement, arrest, or suite so had and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such attachement or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde first day of Januarie, shall by any waye or meane, maliciously, or for veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to aunswere in any the courtes or places aforesayde, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no such person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of such person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name suche arrest or attachement is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery suche person and persons, that so shall cause or procure any suche arrest or attachement of any other person or persons, to be had or made for veration or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shall thereof be conuicted, or lawfully accused, by indictement, presentment, or by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesses, or mo, or other due prose, shall for euery such offence by him or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprysonment of his or their body or bodyes, by the space of sixe monethes, without bayle or mayneprise: And before he or they shalbe deliuered out of prison, shall pay vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or their meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachement so had, and shall also forfaite and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shall so procure suche arrest or attachement to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of ten poundes for euery suche offence.

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And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persons to whom any costes, charges, damages, forfayture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by aucthoritie of this Act shalbe awarded, iudged, or forfayted: shall and maye at all tymes hereafter, haue his or their remedye for the recouery therof, by action of debt, byll or playnt, in any court of Recorde, agaynst such person or persons, their heires, executours, or administratours, as shoulde or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of this Act, in which action, byll, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or alowed to any the defendaunt, or defendauntes in the same.

¶ An Act agaynst carrying ouer sea, Rammes, *Lambes, and other Sheepe, alyue.*

¶ The. iij. Chapter.

FOR sundry good causes and considerations moued in this high court of Parliament, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they be, shall after the last day of February, next ensuyng, bryng, delyuer, sende, receaue, or take, or procure to be brought, delyuered, sent, or receaued, into any Shippe or Bothome, any Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any maner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to be caryed and conueyed out of this Realme of Englande, Wales, or Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes hyghnes dominions, vpon the payne that euery such person and persons, their ayders, abbettours, procurers, and comforters, shall for his or their first offence or offences, so done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute, forfayte and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherin no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admitted or alowed. And further, euery suche offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, without bayle and maynpryse: and at the

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yeres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his lefte hande cut of, and that to be nayled vp, in the openest place of such market. And that euery person or persons offtsoones offendyng agaynst this statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act shall not extend to any corruption of blood, or be preiudicial or hurtful to any woman, claymyng dowre by or from any such offender or offenders: Any thyng in this Act to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of Gaile deliuerie, & Justices of Peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Act, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this Act, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated, and done contrary to the fourme and effecte of the same, accordyng to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

¶ An Act to take away the benefite of *Cleargie from certayne felo-*nious offenders.

¶ The. iiij. Chapter.

WHere a certayne kynde of euyll disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or pyckpurses, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very fellons and theeues, do conferer togethers, makyng among them selues, as it were, a brotherhod or fraternitie of an art or misterie, to lyue idelye by the secrete spoyle of the good and true subiectes of this Realme. And aswell at Sermons and preachynges of the worde of God, and in places and tyme of doyng seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: And not only there, but also in the Princes palace, house, yea and presence, and at the places and

and courtes of iuſtice, and at the tymes of miniſtration of the lawes in the ſame, and in Fayres, Markets, and other aſſemblies of people: Yea, and at the time of doyng of execution, of ſuch as ben attainted of any murder, felonye, or other criminall cauſe, ordeyned chiefly for terrour & example of euyl doers, do without reſpect or regard of any time, place, or perſon, or of any feare or dread of God, or any lawe or punyſhment, vnder the cloke of honeſtie, by their outward apparell, countenaunce, and behauiour, ſubtiltie, priuilie, craftilie, and feloniouſly, take the goods of diuers good & honeſt ſubiectes, from their perſons, by cutting & picking theyr purſes, & other felonious ſlaights and deuyſes, to the vtter vndoyng and empoueriſhment of many.

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon or perſons, whiche hereafter ſhall happen to be indited or appealed for felonious taking of any money, goodes, or cattels, from the perſon of any other, priuylye without his knowledge, in any place whatſoeuer, and therupon founde gyltie by verdite of twelue men, or ſhall confeſſe the ſame vpon his or theyr arraignement, or wyll not aunſwere directly to the ſame, according to the lawes of this Realme, or ſhal ſtande wylfully, or of malice, or obſtinatly muet, or challenge peremptorie aboue the number of twentie, or ſhalbe vpon ſuche inditement or appeale outlawed, ſhall from henceforth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or theyr cleargie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and ſhall ſuffer death, in ſuche maner and fourme, as they ſhoulde yf they were no Clearkes.

And where alſo as diuers perſons done oft tymes commit and do diuers and ſundry deteſtable murders, heynous robberies and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the whiche cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme, and after the ſame offences ſo done, either flee out of the Countie or other partes of this Realme, into the parties beyond the ſeas, or kepe themſelues ſecrete in other places, where they are not knowen for a great tyme, and after happen to commit ſome other fellonie, for the which they may haue theyr Cleargie, and beyng arraigned for the ſame, haue theyr Cleargie to them allowed, and therupon committed to the cuſtodye of the ordinarie, accordyng to the lawe and cuſtome of this Realme, the former offence wherein Cleargie is not grauntable, being not then knowen, & ſo by that meanes can not after be impeached for the ſayd other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & cuſtome of this Realme, to the great encouraging of offendours, vſyng ſuche practiſes of forekno wledge & ſet purpoſe, for their diſcharge of the ſame.

For reformation whereof, be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that euery perſon and perſons, which ſhal hereafter vpon his and theyr arraignement for any fellonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and delyuered to

the ordinarie for the same, and shall make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, wherevpon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie, haue committed any other such offence wherevpon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this Realme is not allowable, and not beyng thereof before indited, and acquited, conuicted, or attainted, or pardoned, shal and maye be indited or appealed for the same, and therevpon put to aunswere, and ordered, and vsed in al things according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and lyke maner and fourme, as though no such admission of Cleargie had ben: Any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrarie, notwithstandyng.

¶ An Act for thabridgement of appeales in *suites of Ciuile and Marine causes.*

¶ The. v. Chapter.

For the auoyding aswell of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges & expences in prosecutyng of Ciuile and Marine causes, by reason of diuers appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes ciuill in suche causes, and to thintent that aswell strangers, as also others the subiects of this Realme, that shall haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expedition in the same, as theyr natures and qualities do require:

Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from the last daye of this present session of Parliament, all and euery such iudgement and sentence diffinitiue, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any ciuile and marine cause, vpon appeale lawfully to be made therin, to the Queenes Maiestie in her highnes Court of Chauncery, by such Commissioners or delegates, as shalbe nominated and appointed by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the halfe seale, as it hath ben heretofore vsed, in such cases, shalbe finall, and no further appeale to be had or made from the sayd iudgement or sentēce diffinitiue, or from the sayde Commissioners or delegates, for or in the same: Any lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

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An Act touchyng Clothworkers, and *Clothes redy wrought, to be* shypped oucr the Sea.

¶ The. vj. Chapter.

For the better employment and relieſe of great multitudes of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes, vſing the arte and labour of clothwoꝛking, it maye pleaſe the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, at the moſt humble ſute of her ſayde ſubiectes, that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by aucthoꝛitie of this preſent Parliament, that from henceforth foꝛ euery nyne Clothes vnwrought, hereafter to be ſhypped oꝛ caried into any the partes beyond the ſeas contrary to the fourme of any Statute heretofoꝛe made, and nowe remayning in ſtrength, by foꝛce of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that ſhall ſhyppe oꝛ carry ouer the ſame, ſhall ſhyppe and carry ouer alſo one lyke wollen Cloth, of lyke ſoꝛte, length, breadth, and goodnes, redy wrought and dreſſed, that is to ſaye, rowed, barbed, fyrſt courſed and ſhorne from the one ende to the other, ſo that euery tenth Cloth paſſyng ouer the ſeas, in fourme aforeſayde, maye and ſhalbe dreſſed within this Realme, before the ſame ſhalbe ſhypped oꝛ tranſpoꝛted ouer, vppon payne to foꝛfayte foꝛ euery ſuche nyne Clothes ſo to be ſhypped oꝛ tranſpoꝛted, contrarie to the meanyng of this Acte, tenne poundes.

Prouyded alway, that euery ſuche tenth Cloth, ſo to be tranſpoꝛted redye wrought, ſhall not be accompted any of the Clothes, permitted to be tranſpoꝛted by foꝛce of ſuche licence, but that ſuche perſon as ſhall haue ſuche licence, maye tranſpoꝛte, accoꝛdyng to ſuche licence, the full number of Clothes vnwrought, mentioned in the ſame licence, ouer and aboue the number of ſuch tenth Clothes, whiche they ſhall be compelled to ſhyppe and carrye ouer by foꝛce of this ſtatute.

And be it further enacted by aucthoꝛitie aforeſayde, that from the laſt daye of Februaꝛy nowe nert commyng, no perſon ſhall ſhippe oꝛ carry into the partes beyond the ſeas, contrary to the fourme of any ſtatute heretofoꝛe made, nowe remaynyng in foꝛce, any Cloth,

commonly called Kentyſhe Cloth, or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in the counties of Kent or Suffolke, vnwrought and vndreſſed within this Realme, that is to ſaye, not rowed, barbed, firſt courſed, and ſhorne, vpon payne to forfayte for euery ſuch Cloth, commonly called Kentyſhe or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in eyther of the ſayde counties, ſo to be ſhypped or tranſported, contrary to the fourme of this ſtatute, fourtie ſhyllynges.

And that no licence for tranſportyng of any cloth or clothes, ſhalbe conſtrued or expounded, to extende to any ſuche Kentyſhe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made, in eyther of the ſayde counties, to be from hencefoorth tranſported. And that all the forfaytures appoynted by this ſtatute, for tranſportyng of Clothes, ſhalbe, the one halfe to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, the other moitie, to the Maiſter and wardens of the ſayde companye of Clothworkers, to the reliefe of the poore of the ſayde companye, to be recouered in any court of record, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, for the defendaunt ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ An Act touchyng Drapers, Cottoners, *and Fryzers, in the Towne* of Shrewſbury.

¶ The. vij. Chapter.

Oraſmuche as in the Towne of Shrewſbury in the countie of Salope, there hath ben, tyme out of mynd of man, and yet is, a companie, fraternitie, or guylde, of the arte and miſterie of Drapers, which ſayd companie, fraternitie, or guylde, hath ben by a great tyme lawfully encorporated, and made a bodye politicke: which ſayd corporation and fraternitie, hath by reaſon of a certaine trade and occupation of bying and ſellyng of welſhe Cloth and Lynyng, commonlye called Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, whiche they haue had and vſed amongeſt them, ben able not onely to lyue thereby, but alſo haue at theyr common coſtes, prouyded houſes and other neceſ-

necessaries for poore people within the said Towne of Shrewsbury, whom also with further relefe they do weekly helpe and maintayne. And by the same theyr trade aforesayde, haue vsed most commonlye to set on worke, aboue six hundred persons, of the arte or science of Shermen or Frizers, within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, whereby aswell they, as theyr poore wyues and families, are wholly maintayned and kept. To the impechement and hinderaunce of whiche sayde trade, diuers artificers and other persons within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, not beyng of the sayde companie or mysterie, nor brought vp in the vse of the sayde trade, haue of late with great disorder, vpon a meare couetous desyre and mynde, intromitted with, and occupyed the sayde trade of bying of welshe cloth or lynyng, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or skyll, in the same. By reason whereof, the sayde ignorant and vnskylfull persons, haue and do bye commonly and dayly suche welshe cloth and lynyng, as is defectiue, and not truely made, accordyng to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouyded. By meanes whereof, the sayde trade is greatlye decayed and discredited, to the greate losse and hinderaunce of suche poore Shermen and Fryzers, as were wont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were wont to be maintayned, and relieued by the sayde trade, aswell in makyng, as workyng of the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the greate deceyte, damage, and hinderaunce of all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, that bye and prouyde the same, and to the slaunder and discredite of the sayde commodities in forren partes, where, by the occasion aforesayde, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye kyng Philip and Queene Marie, vppon good and deliberate aduise, amongst other thinges, it was enacted, that no person nor persons, whiche shoulde bye to sell agayne, by waye of retayle or otherwyse, any of the sayde welshe lynyngs, shoulde dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed and wrought, within his or theyr dwellyng house or houses, or in any other place, by hym selfe, or his seruaunt, any of the sayde welsh lynyngs: but shoulde put the same to some suche person or persons, as shoulde be of the art or science of Shermen, Cottoners, or Fryzers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vppon payne of forfayture for euery welshe Cloth or Lynyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrarie, six shyllyngs and eyght pence, as in the same Acte doth appeare. Sithens which tyme, diuers persons for the defraudyng of the sayd statute, haue caused others to bye the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the workmanshyp thereof vnto themselues, of suche byers: vsyng the lyke fraude, by bying, and turnyng

worke ouer vnto the same persons, of whom they receaue worke, to the manifeste defraudyng of the good entent and meanyng of the sayde statute.

For remedy wherof, & for the benefite and relefe of the poore men, that be Shermen and Fryzers: Be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuyng, no maner person or persons, whatsoeuer, inhabityng & dwellyng within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then suche as haue, or shal haue serued as apprentices in the said occupation and science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the sayde science or mysterie, shall occuppe, vse, exercise, or frequent the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science, of bying of the sayd welshe Cloth or Linyng, Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, nor haue any factour or doer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engin, or fraude, be any occuppyer of the sayd Fryzes, Cottons, and Plaines, vpon payne that euery person and persons, inhabiting as is afore sayde, and occuppying, vsyng, or exercisyng the sayde trade, occupation, or science of bying of welshe Cloth and Lining, and not auctho rised by this present Acte, shal lose and forfayte for euery peece of the same Clothes so bought, six shyllynges and eight pence.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling and inhabiting, as is afore sayd, and vsyng or occuppying the sayd trade of bying of Frizes, Cottons, or Playnes, shal vse or exercise the facultie of fryzing or cottoning, vpon payne to incurre such lyke forfaytures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all whiche paynes and forfaitures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons, as wyll sue for the same in any Court of recorde, by action, byll, or plainte, of dette, wherein no protection, essoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed and admitted.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctho ritie afore sayde, that this present Acte, or any thyng, sentence, or matter therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any such person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the said trade, arte, mysterie, or science, of bying or sellyng of welshe Clothes and Linyngs afore sayd: but that euery such person and persons, which hath or haue vsed the sayde trade or science, as is afore sayd, shall and may haue and enioye the like benefyte, commoditie, and aduauntage, aswell in bying and sellyng the sayde welshe Clothes and Lynyngs, as otherwyse, in as large, free, and ample maner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to thintent the sayde poore Shermen, Fryzers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieued and maintayned, be it enacted by the auctho ritie afore sayd, that all and euery person and persons,

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occuppying and vsing, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occuppye or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of vying and sellyng of welshe Cloth and Lynynges aforesayde, and shall from the feast of Easter next ensuyng, delyuer any welshe Cloth or Lynyngs aforesayde, to be cottoned, fryzed, dressed, or wrought, to any Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, shall delyuer, content, and pay to the sayd Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, redye and present money for all his sayde worke, without any colour, fraude, or engine, whatsoeuer, and shall not delyuer any ware or other thyng whatsoeuer, in contentation or satisfaction of his sayd worke, or any part therof, vpon payne that euery person offending in this behalfe, shall forthwith lose all such liberties, freedomes, and priuileges, whiche he hath or shall haue, as one of the sayde companie, fraternitie or guylde of the sayde arte and misterie of Drapers: and also shal for euer after, be vtterly disabled, and excluded to vse, occupie, or enioy, by him selfe, or by any other for him, or to his vse, the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science of vying or selling of welshe Clothes or Linings, this Acte or any other matter or thing whatsoeuer to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for the Repeale of a braunche of *a statute, made. 32. H. 8. for the stature of* Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other places confinyng thervnto.

¶ The. viij. Chapter.

Here at a Parliament holden at Westminster, the. xxxii. yere of the raigne of the most victorious Prince of famous memorie King Henry the eight, moste deare father vnto the Queenes excellente hyghnes, our Soueraigne Ladye that nowe is, amonges other thinges it was ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by the sayde late King, with thassent of the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons of the same Parliament assembled, for the increase and breede of greater and stronger Horses from thence after to be had, within this Realme of England: that no Commoner or Comoners within

within any Forest, Chase, Moore, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the sayde Forestes or Chases, nor any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. then next folowyng the Session of the same, shoulde haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any suche ground, Forest, Chase, Moore, Maryshe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the age of two yeres, and not beyng of the altitude and heyght of fyfteene handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hoofe, vnto the higher parte of the wyther, and euery handfull to conteyne foure ynches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be norysshed in or vppon any of the sayde Forests, Chases, Commons, Moores, Marishes, Heathes, or waste groundes, within any of the Shires and Territories of Norffolke, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntington, Eller, Kent, Southampton, Northwilshire, Orforde, Barke, Worcester, Glouceſter, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedford, warwick, Northampton, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Stafforde, the Countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne and liberties of Glouceſter, the Countie of the Towne of Kyngston vppon Hull, the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leyceſter, Hereford, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the sayde age of two yeres, & not beyng in heyght of. xiiii. handfull, to be measured as is aboue sayde, within or vpon any lyke grounde or groundes, as ben aboue wrytten, lying or beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neyther yet any of them, vppon payne of forfayture and losse of the sayde Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vppon any suche Grounde, Forest, Chase, Moore, Maryshe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, at any tyme after the sayde last day of Marche, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. contrarie to the fourme of the sayde late estatute, and further, as by the sayd estatute more fully and at large maye appeare. By reason whereof, and since whiche tyme, diuers and sundrye greate and manyfolde hurtes, hinderaunces, and losses hath happened and chaunced, as well to the inhabitaunts of the Moores, Maryshes, and Fenne groundes, within the Ile of Ely, situate, lying and beyng in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitauntes of other the Moores, Maryshes, and Fenne groundes within the sayd Shire, togethers with the Counties of Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, next adioyning and borderyng vpon the same Ile: For that the sayde Moores, Maryshes, and Fenne groundes, because of theyr rottennesse, vnfirmnesse, moisture, and watersshnes, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breade, beare, or bryng

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foorth suche great breede of stoned Horses, of such bignesse and hygh stature, as within thaforesayd statute are expressed, without daunger and peryl of the mireyng, drowneyng, and perishing of the same. Wherevpon many promoters, takyng occasion by reason of thaforesayde estatute, haue alwell entred into the sayde Ile, as also other the Moores, Marishes, and Fenne grounds, in all the countrey nert borderyng and ioynyng vnto the same, and taken awaye, by vertue and pursuey of the sayde estatute, from diuers poore men, not beyng able otherwyse to remedie the same, their Horse, not being comparable of lyke stature to the sayd estatute, alwell to the greate losse and hinderaunce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daryng to put any suche foorth on the sayde groundes, for feare of suche persons: as also to the vtter subuertion and decaye of all the tillage and cariage within the sayde Ile, and others the countreys round about the same, in tyme to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That as much of thaforesayd estatute, made in the sayde .xxvii. yere of Kyng Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunch, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng any the Maryshes and seggie Fenne grounds within the sayd Ile, scituate, lying and beyng in the sayde countie of Cambridge, togethers with all others the Maryshes and seggie Fenne groundes, within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former acte expressed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Neuertheless, be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of March nert comming, shall haue or put to pasture into or vppon any Maryshe or seggie Fenne ground within the sayde Ile of Ely, or into or vpon any Maryshe or seggie Fenne grounds within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned Horse or Horses, being aboue thage of two yeres, and not being of the altitude & height of .xiii. handfull, to be measured frō the lowest part of the hoofe of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne .iiii. ynches of the standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon any the sayd Marishes, or seggie Fenne groundes, within the sayd Ile, and within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, or any of them, vpon such and the like payne, as by the sayd former Acte is limitted and expressed.

¶ An Act to repeale a braunche of a ſtatute, made in An. 23. H. 8. touchyng the pryces of Barrels, and Kilderkins.

¶ The. ix. Chapter.

IN their moſte humble wyſe, ſhewen vnto the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, and vnto the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and vnto the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled: the Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of all other Cities and Townes within this Realme of England, that where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at weſtminſter, the. xv. daye of Januarie, in the. xxiii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the eyght, Father to our layde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes that nowe is, there was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte, that no Brewers of Beere or Ale, ſhall make theyr Barrels, Kilderkins, nor Fyrkyns within them, and howe muche the ſame Barrels, Kilderkins and Fyrkyns ſhall conteyne. In whiche ſtatute, amongſt other thynges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no artificer of the Cowpers, ſhall enhaunce the pryces of any ſuche Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkins, or other veſſels, in the ſale of them, to any Ale brewer, or Beere brewer, or other perſon, as in the ſayde Acte are mentioned, but ſhoulde kepe the rates of ſuche prices, as in the ſame Acte are expreſſed, and not aboue, vppon payne to forfaite for euery Barrell, Kylderkyn, and Fyrkyn, defectiue or enhaunced in pryce, in any poynte contrary to the ſayde Acte. iii.s. iiii.d. (That is to ſaye) for euery Beere barrell. ix. d. for euery Beere kylderkyn. v. d. and for euery beere fyrkyn. iii.d. And the Ale barrell. xvi.d. the ale kilderkyn ix.d. and the ale fyrkyn. v. d. as by the ſame Acte, amongeſt diuers other thynges therein conteyned, more fully and at large doth and maye appeare. Since whiche time, the Cloueborde and ſtuffe wherof the ſayde veſſels and the hoopes thereof ſhoulde be made, are ryſen and growen to ſuche exceſſiue pryces, that ſuche as do make the ſayde veſſels, can not make and ſell any ſuche Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkyns, or other veſſels, at the pryces expreſſed in the ſayd eſtatute, but to theyr great loſſe and hinderaunce: whereby the miſterie, trade, and facultie of the ſayd Cowpers, is vtterlye ouerthrowen, to

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the impouerysshement and vtter vndoyng of them, theyr wyues, chyldren, and families, as is moste euident.

Forasmuche as at the tyme of the makyng of the sayd estatute, the Cowpers myght haue bought a thousand of Barrell boordes for xii.s.or.xiii.s.iiii.d. and a thousand of Kilderkyn boordes, for.ix.s.or x.s. and a loade of hoopes for.ix.s. or.x.s. And nowe a thousand of Barrell boorde can not be bought vnder.xxxiii.s.iiii.d.and.xl.s.and a thousand of Kylderkyn boorde vnder. xxvi.s. viii. d. and a loade of hoopes vnder. xxxiii.s. iiii.d. and.xl.s. as is right well and notoriouslye knowen:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present Parliament assembled, & bythauctoritie of the same, that as much of euery article, clause, and sentence, comprysed in the sayde estatute, made in the said.xxiii. yere of the raigne of the said late king, as doth touche or concerne the prices of Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkyns, and other vessels, and all and euery payne and forfayture expressed and declared in the sayde Acte, for sellyng of any of the sayde kynde of vessels, aboue the prices before specified, from the time of new prices to be set in fourme hereafter expressed, for suche places onlye as the same newe prices shalbe set, shalbe clearely repealed, frustrate, and made voyde. And that from henceforth the prices of all Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkyns, and other vessels to be solde, for Ale, Beere, or Sope, to be vttered therein, shalbe rated and tared by Mayres, Baylyes, and other head officer or officers of euerye Citie and Towne corporate, where any suche vessels shalbe made, or offered to be solde: And where suche vessels shalbe made or solde out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, the prices thereof shalbe rated and tared by the Justices of the peace, or the more parte of them, beyng present in the generall or quarter Sessions, yerely next after Easter, at suche reasonable prices, as they shall thynke reasonable by theyr discretions. The sayd estatute made in the sayde xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or any other lawe, custome, or vsage, to the contrarye thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, that yf the sayde Cowpers, or any of them, shall not make sale, accordyng to such prices as shalbe rated, as is aforesayde, after proclamation thereof made: that then euery person and persons so offendyng, shall for the same, incurre the paynes and forfaitures mentioned in the sayd statute, made the sayd xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng: That is to wyt, for euery Barrell, Kylderkyn, and Fyrkyn, which shalbe sold at greater price then shalbe rated and tared, as is aforesayde, the summe of iii.s. iiii.d. of lawfull money of England, whereof the one moitie

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to be to the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie to suche person or persons, as wyll sue for the same, by action of det, in any court of recorde, wherein no protection, essoigne, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed or admitted.

¶ An Act for Bowyers, and the *pryces of Bowes.*

¶ The. x. Chapter.

Moste humblye complaynyng, sheweth vnto your hyghnes, and to your hygh Court of Parliament, your obedient subiectes, the Bowyers, dwellyng and inhabiting within the Citie of London, & the suburbes of the same: That where in the Parliament of the late Kyng of most famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, begunne and holden at Westminster, the xvi. day of Januarie, in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of the sayd late king, and there continued vntyll the first daye of Aprill then next folowyng, there was one Acte and statute then made and prouyded, intituled: An Act for the maintenaunce of Artillerie, and debarring of vnlawful games. In whiche Acte and statute, amongest other thynges, there is one braunche conteyned and specified: The tenour wherof is, as hereafter foloweth. That is to saye, and to thintent, that euery person maye haue Bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery Bowyer dwellyng out of the Citie of London, shal after the feast of the Purification of our Lady then next commyng, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make three other Bowes meete to shote in, of Elme, witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood, apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and forfayte for euery suche Bowe so lacking. iii. s. iiii. d. And euery Bowyer, dwellyng within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shall after the sayd feaste of the Purification of our Lady then next commyng, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for shotyng, of Ashe, Elme, witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forfayture, as by the sayde statute more playnely it doth and may appeare. And although the sayd braunche

braunche of the sayde statute, be nedefull and expedient to remayne and continue for suche Bowyers as do dwell and inhabite in the Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London, and the Suburbes of the same: Yet forasmuch as there be very fewe or no Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, or Ashe, or of any other wood, then onlye of Ewe, vsed or occupyed by any person within the sayde Citie and Suburbes of the same: therefore the sayde braunche of the sayde Acte and statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is nedefull to be had and made for the Bowyers, dwellyng within the sayde Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuertheless, your sayde subiectes, for the auoydyng of the daunger and penaltie contayned in the sayde braunche, are dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient tyme, vtter and sell the same, but are constrayned to kepe suche Bowes by them so made, vntyll they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the sayde wood of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in makyng of the sayd Bowes, and your said subiectes, by suche losses as they dayly sustayne in makyng suche Bowes, greatly impouerished, and the common wealth thereby nothyng aduaunced, but rather hindered. And where also in the seuerall statutes of the noble kyng of famous memorie, kyng Edwarde the fourth, made in the .xvii. yere of his raigne, and in the thirde yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the seuenth, Graundfather to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and in the sayde .xxviii. yere of the raigne of our said late Soueraigne Lorde, kyng Henry the eyght, father to our sayd Soueraigne Lady, there is mention made of the prices of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall tymes, was appoynted to be but .iii.s. iiii.d. and not aboue, to sell the best. At whiche sayde tymes, suche Bowes myght well haue ben solde to any person or persons, accordyng to the rates and prices expressed in the sayd seuerall Actes, vntill nowe, within this twentie yeres, the prices of Bowstaues haue diuerslye ben raysed and enhaunced, from fiue poundes a hundreth, to .xii.li. or thereaboutes, for whiche causes, the prices contayned in the sayde seuerall statutes, can not be obserued: And yet your Maiesties sayde subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in daunger of the sayde seuerall statutes concernyng the prices of Bowes, whiche they humbly beseche your Maiestie, with thassent of your high court of Parliament, may be releassed vnto them, and the penalties appoynted for the same.

BE IT therfore enacted, ordayned, and established, by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament

assembled, and by the auctho̅ritie of the same, that the sayde estatutes of kyng Edwarde the fourth, and kyng Henry the seuenth, concerning the pryces of Bowes, and all the braunches contayned in the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eyght, so farre forth as the same extendeth to the pryces of Bowes therein expressed only, from the first day of this present Parliament, and so for euer, be thereby clearely repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and also all and euery clause and sentence of the sayd statute of kyng Henry the eyght before recited, tendyng to the makyng of Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, Asshe, and other wood, besides Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therin contayned, for any the sayde last rehearsed premisses, from henceforth for euer shall not be entended, construed, or taken to extende to any Bowyer nowe dwellyng or inhabiting, or whiche hereafter shall happen to dwell or inhabite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey: The sayde statutes, or any thing in them, or any of them, contayned in any wyse to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesayd, that all and euery the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Suburbes of London and Westminster, & Borough of Southwarke, shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all times hereafter, prouide and haue in his or their custody, the number of fiftie good and able Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, or Asshe, at the least, wel and substauncially made and wrought, vpon payne that euery of the sayde Bowyers, whiche by the space of twentie dayes, shall not haue in his custodie suche number of the sayd Bowes of Witchhasell, Elme, or Asshe, redye made, and meete to be solde and vsed as aforesayde, shall hereafter for euery Bowe lackyng of the number aforesayde, forfaite. x.s. the one moitie of whiche forfayture, shalbe to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie therof, shalbe to him or them, vsyng the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowestrynges, that wyll sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, playnte, or otherwyse, in any court of Recorde, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of law, shall in any wise be admitted or alowed for the defendaunt.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesayde, that yf any Bowyer, after the fyrst day of May next commyng, do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng outlandishe Ewe, and of the best sort, ouer and aboue the pryce of. vi.s. viii.d. or do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng of the seconde sort, ouer and aboue the pryce of. iii.s. iiii.d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforsaide, beyng of the course sort,

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called liuerye Bowes, for and aboue the price of. ii.s. a peece, or that shall after the sayde first day of May, sell any Bowes beyng Englishe Ewe, ouer and aboue the price of. ii.s. the peece: that then the seller or sellers of suche Bowes, shall forfayte for euery Bowe so solde, ouer and aboue the price aforesayde. xl.s. the one moitie therof to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie, to the partie vsyng the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, bill, playnte, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed: Any thing in this Acte, or in any other Act contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng. This Acte to continue vntyll the last day of the first session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Acte for the true making of *Hattes and Cappes*.

¶ The .xj. Chapter.

WHere great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsyng the arte of makyng wollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessiue vse of Hattes and Feltes, and thereby diuers good Cities and Townes brought to desolation, great plentie of straunge commodities, without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depende vpon the hauing of forraine woolles, to the discommoditie of this Realme, the disfurniture of seruice to be done to the Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident daungers, if remedy be not prouided: It may therefore please the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, at the lamentable suite and complaynt of her sayd poore subiectes, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person, by hym or her selfe, or by any other, shal after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next commyng, make or worke any Felt or Hatte, of, or with any forraine wooll or stuffe, vnlesse suche person shall first haue ben apprentice or couenaunt seruaunt, to such misterie of Felt or Hat making, by the space of seuen yeres at the least, vpon payne to forfayte all such Hattes or

Feltes, as he shall make, or cause to be made whyle he worketh, contrary to the fourme of this Act, and fiue poundes in money for euerye moneth that he shall so continue.

AND be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from the fyrst day of Aprill next comming, no person whatsoeuer, shal make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe or other thing of Felt, but only Hattes, nor shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knit. And that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall dye, or cause to be dyed blacke, any Cappe, with barke or swarfe, but only with copperas and gall, or with woad and madder.

AND (for the settyng of many poore and impotent persons to worke, and for better makyng of Cappes) that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall thicke or full in any Wyll, or cause to be thicked or fulled in any Wyll, any Cappe, vntill suche tyme as the same Cappe be first well scoured and closed vppon the bancke, and halfe thicked at the least in the foote stocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knyght, or of a Lordes sonne, shall after the sayd first day of Aprill, weare any Hatte or vpper Cappe of Veluet, or couered with Veluet, on payne to forfayte for euery Hatte, Cap, or other thyng to be made, dyed, thicked, fully, solde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, ten shillinges, whereof the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to such person then vsyng the feate of Cappe making, as wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or allowed.

AND for the better and truer makyng of Cappes and Hattes within this Realme: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lefull to the Maister and wardens of the company of Haberdashers, within the Citie of London, and to their successours for the time beyng, callyng to them one of the company of the Cappers, and another of the makers of Hattes, as often as nede shall require, within the sayde Citie, or within three myles of the same, to searche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correct and punyshe by fines and otherwyse, as in like cases they do other offendours and defaultes within the sayde company. And that it shalbe lefull for al Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers, in all other Cities and Townes corporate, to do the lyke.

PROVIDED alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery Hatmaker, that now is a maker or worker of Hats, and being a housholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruaunt, or iorney-man, shall or may, duryng such persons naturall life, continue ma-

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kyng of Hattes and Feltes, albeit suche person were not bounden apprentice to the same arte for the space of seuen yeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or worker of Hattes, shall take or receaue any apprentices, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, that is to say, aboue two apprentices at one tyme, nor those for any lesse tyme, then seuen yeres at the least, on payne to suffer for euery apprentice to be taken or receaued agaynst the fourme of this Acte, one monethes imprisonment in the common Gaole, without bayle or maynprise. And that euery takyng or receauyng of apprentice, contrary to this Acte, shalbe voyde: And also suche person so takyng or receauyng, shalbe from thencefoorth, disabled to haue any mo apprentices, then one at one tyme.

PROVIDED alway, that nothyng in this Act shall extende to charge any person, allowed to be a Feltmaker or Hatmaker, with any payne or forfayture, for setting or vsyng his or their owne children to the making or working of Feltes or Hattes, in his or their owne houses. Prouided, that this Acte shall not extende to any making of Hattes with worsted yarne, in the Citie of Norwitch.

¶ An Acte for Thalnegers fees in Lancashire, *and for length, breadth, and waygh of* Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

¶ The .xij. Chapter.

Forasmuche as diuers Clothiers inhabiting within the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, seekyng inordinately their owne singuler gaynes, haue of late practised priuily, to conuay and carry away out of the said Countie diuers Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, there made, to be solde, before suche tyme as the Queenes Aulneger of the sayde Countie, hath fired vnto euery such cloth, the Queenes Seale in that behalfe appoynted, and sometyme counterfaytyng and settyng to such their clothes, seales of their owne, myndyng thereby, not onlye to defraude the sayde Aulneger of his accustomable fees, due to be payde to the Queenes highnes vse, for the sealyng of euery suche cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge; but also to couer and hyde the vn-

true and deceiptful makyng of many of the sayd Clothes, contrary to the true meanyng of sundry good and wholsome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, aswell for the true makyng of the clothes beforesaid, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing of the same, to the no litle preiudice and damage of the sayde Julneger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annall farme to the Queenes Maiestie, for the sayd Julnege, in disceipt of her hyghnes subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the sayd clothes.

FOR reformation wherof, be it enacted by our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from and after the first day of Aprill next comming, shall sell, or put to sale within the sayde Countie, or conuay, or carry, or cause to be conuayed and caryed out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kynde of Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde, before such tyme that the owner or maker of euery such Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shal fire and put to, or cause to be fired and put to euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one seale of Leade, hauyng the marke of euery such owner or clothyer ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true length of euery suche Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde seale. And also the Queenes hyghnes Julneger of the sayd Countie Palantine for the tyme beyng, vpon tryall of the wayght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shall fire and put, or cause to be fyred and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes hyghnes seale of Leade, hauyng the Portecullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde therof, and the true wayght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the same seale, vppon payne of forfayture of all and euery suche Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conuayed, carryed, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde, beyng vnsealed, contrary to the meanyng of this present Acte: the one moitie therof to be to the vse of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie therof, to such person or persons, that shall seale the same Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, or wyll sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes highnes courtes of Recorde, by bill, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no essoigne, protectiō, or wager of law, shalbe alowed for the defendant.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Julneger, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall appoint and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blah-

borne, and Bery, in the said Countie where the sayd Aulneger hath ben accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redye vpon lawfull request vnto him made, without delay, to way euery of the sayd Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, as shalbe brought vnto euerye such deputie, and sealed with the seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme beforesayde, and to fire and set to euery of the sayde Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnes seale beforesayde, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vppon payne of forfayture of. xx.s. for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, sealed by the sayde Aulneger, or any of his sayde deputies, before the same be wayed in fourme beforesayde: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by bill, plainte, information, action of debt, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe alowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull for the saide Aulneger or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, for the waying & sealing of euery packe of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges. iii.d. And for euery peece of such course Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe, one halfepeny, and the same to be payde by the owner or brynger of the said clothes, at the waying and sealing of the same: Any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And forasmuch as such persons as commonly do vse to vtter and sell the said seueral kindes of Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, haue ben, and are dayly molested, vexed, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Informers & searchers, seekyng continually their owne priuate gayne, by finding of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, at no time made according to such fourme of waight, lengthes, and breadthes, as by the former statutes of this Realme, lately made for the true making of woollen cloth, is limitted & appointed: And for that the same persons do alleage, that the makers of the sayd Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the said waightes, lengthes, and breadthes, in makyng of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, according to the fourme of the sayd former estatutes, without the vtter vndoing of great numbers of poore people, that are commonly the makers of such kind of clothes, and that by meanes hereof, the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, sithens the making of the sayd estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarse and dearer, then they were before the making of the sayd estatutes,

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and in nothing at all amended in substaunce or fourme of makinge.

FOR reformation whereof: Be it enacted, that from and after the first day of Aprill next commyng, euery of the said Cottons, beyng sufficiently milled or thicked, cleane scoured, wel wrought, and fully dryed, shal way. xxi. pounde at the least, and shall contayne in length. xxi. goades, or. xx. goades at the least, and in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the least. And that euery of the saide Fryzes or Rugges being thicked and fully dryed, shal way. xliii. pounde at the least, and shal contayne in length, betwixt. xxxb. yardes, and. xxxbii. yardes, and shall contayne in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the least, and not to be strayned vpon the teyntours aboue one nayle in breadth. And also if any of the said Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, shalbe of any greater length, then is before seuerally expressed, that then euery goade or yarde so exceeding the said seuerall lengthes, shall way after such rate, as euery goade or yarde of suche Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, contaynyng the said seuerall lengthes, shall or ought to way, vpon payne of forfayture for euery goade or yarde not waying after such rate. xii. d. And also if any of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe of any lesse waight, the is before seuerally limitted & appointed, that then all and euery such person or persons, that shall so sell, or offer to be solde, any such Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall forfayte for euery pound lackyng vnder three poundes. xii. d. and for euery pounde waight lacking aboue. iii. li. fiue shillinges: thone halfe of whiche forfaytures, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other halfe thereof, to such person or persons, that shall sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnte, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

AND further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery braunche, clause, sentence, and article specified and contayned in any other Actes of Parliament before this tyme made, concernyng the sealyng and makyng of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect: Any thyng in the sayde Actes contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this Acte shall not in any wyse extende to be preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne, within the sayde Countie Pallantine of Lancaster, concernyng the makyng and puttyng to sale of any woollen cloth: Any thyng therein contayned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

¶ An

An Acte concerning Sea markes and Mariners.

¶ The. xiij. Chapter.

WHere as the Maiſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtauntes of the Trinitie houſe of Deptforde ſtronde, beyng a company of the chiefeſt and moſt expert maiſters and gouernours of ſhippes, incorporate within them ſelues, charged with the conduction of the Queenes Maieſties Nauye royall, are bound to foreſee the good encreaſe and mayntenaunce of ſhippes, and of all kynde of men traded and brought vp by water craft, moſte meete for her Maieſties marine ſeruice. And foraſmuche as by the deſtroying and takyng away of certayne ſteeples, woodes, and other markes, ſtandyng vpon the mayne ſhores, adioynyng to the ſea coaſtes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, beyng as beakons and markes of auncient tyme accuſtomed for Seafaryng men, to ſaue and kepe them, and the ſhippes in their charge, from ſundry daungers therto incident: diuers ſhippes with their goodes and marchaundizes, in ſaylyng from forraine partes towards this Realme of Englande and Wales, and ſpecially to the port and ryuer of Thames, haue by the lacke of ſuche markes, of late yeres ben miſcaried, peryſhed, and loſt in the ſea, to the great detriment and hurt of the common weale, and the peryſhyng of no ſmall number of people.

FOR remedie wherein to be had: Be it enacted, eſtabliſhed, and ordayned, by the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, by the conſentes of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of the ſame, that the foreſayde Maiſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtauntes of the Trinitie houſe at Deptforde ſtronde, aforeſayde, beyng a company incorporated as before, ſhall and may lawfully by vertue of this Acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter, at their wylles and pleaſures, and at their coſtes: make, erect, and ſet vp ſuche and ſo manye beakons, markes, and ſignes for the ſea, in ſuch place or places of the ſea ſhores, and vplandes neare the ſea coaſtes, or forelandes of the ſea, onlye for ſea markes, as to them ſhall ſeeme moſte meete,

meete, nedefull, and requisite, whereby the daungers may be auoyded and escaped, and shippes the better come vnto their portes, without peryll. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes, so to be by them or theyr assignes, erected, made, and set vp, at the costes and charges of the sayd Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes, shall and may be continued, renued, and be mayntayned from time to time, at the costes and charges of the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes: Any thing to the contrary hereof, notwithstandyng.

AND be it further ordayned and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no steeples, trees, or other thynges, nowe standyng, as beakons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doth growe or stande, before the first day of Marche next commyng) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters, vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter, be taken downe, felled, or otherwise cut downe, vpon payne that euery person by whose procurement or consent suche offence shalbe committed, shall forfayte the summe of one hundreth poundes, wherof the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie to be to the Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes of the sayde Trinitie house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offendyng, be not of the value of one hundred poundes: then the same person and persons, to be deemed conuict of outlarie, Ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

AND further, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that all Mariners, and Seafaryng men, dwellyng about the sayd ryuer of Thames, beyng thereto licenced by the sayd Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes, and hauyng sufficient certificat of suche licence from the sayde Maister and Wardens, aswell betwene their voyages, as at other tymes, at their willes & pleasures, by force hereof, the better to kepe and refrayne them selues from folly, ydlenes, and lewde company, and for the reliefe of them, their wiues, and children: shal and may freely and quietly, exercise and rowe in their owne Whirries, or any other mens Whirries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke, vp and downe the said riuer of Thames, to applye and folowe the ordinarye passyng and carrying of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called Whirrimen, of the same ryuer vse and accustome to do, without impechement, hinderaunce, or let, to the contrary. And that suche Seafaryng men, shall not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernement, then vnder the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes, as they were before: Any Act, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome, heretofore against the premisses ordayned or made, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ An

An Acte touchyng transporting of *tawed Leather.*

¶ The. xiiij. Chapter.

Forasmuche as in one Acte made in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, intituled: An Act againſt the carrying of Sheepſkins and peltes ouer the ſea, not beyng Staple ware, there is contayned one braunche againſt the makyng of any peltes by any perſon, other then ſuch as are permitted to make the ſame by the ſayde ſtatute. The execution of whiche braunche, hath ben put in ſuſpence, by reaſon that ſome other partes of the ſame ſtatute, are ſuppoſed to be againſt the entercourſe of the lowe Countreys of the kyng of Spayne.

BE IT therefore declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde firſt braunche of the ſayde ſtatute, beyng not againſt the ſayd entercourſe, ſhal from henceforth be put in due execution. And forasmuche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maieſties liege people, haue ben ſet on worke by conuertyng of Sheepe ſkinnes and Lambe ſkinnes, into tawed Leather and Parchment, here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the ſayde ſtatute, is prohibited to be tranſported out of the Realme in Leather. And where the conuertyng of ſuch ſkinnes into Leather and Parchment, hath ben great mayntenaunce of many thouſandes of the ſubiectes of this Realme, and greater dayly wylbe, to the great benefite of this Realme, yf the ſayde firſt braunche concernyng makyng of peltes be duely put in execution, where otherwyſe, yf the ſayde peltes ſhoulde be tranſported into other Realmes, the ſame woulde be an occaſion of the impouerifhing of many of the naturall Engliſhe people of this Realme.

BE IT therefore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that ſo muche of the ſayde ſtatute, as concerneth the tranſportyng of tawed Leather, to be made of Sheepes ſkinnes, and Lambes ſkinnes, ſhall from henceforth, as touchyng onlye the tranſporting of ſuche tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: Any thing in the ſaid ſtatute to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

¶ An

¶ An Acte for preseruation of Grayne.

¶ The .xv. Chapter.

HEre in the Parliament holden at westminster vpon prorogation, the fourth day of February, in the. xxiiii. yere of the raigne of the noble Prince of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght: amongest other Actes, one estatute was made and prouided for the destruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes: In whiche estatute, is contayned one braunche concernyng the prouision, puttyng in vre, and mayntenaunce of nettes and shrapes, whiche braunche, beyng very good and beneficiall, long tyme sythens was expired. Be it therefore ordayned and enacted, by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that onlye the sayde braunche of the same estatute, concerning the prouision, vse, and mayntenaunce of nettes and shrapes, for the destruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and euery article, forfayture, and penaltie, contayned in the sayde braunche, for and concernyng the prouision and puttyng in vre of the same nettes, and for the maintenaunce thereof, accordyng to the fourme therin limitted: shall from hencefoorth be reuiued and put in due execution, and that all and euery other braunche and article contayned in the same estatute, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed and made voyde to all intentes and purposes.

AND further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in euery paryshe, the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the parishioners, to the number of fiue persons, to be required by the Churchwardens, shall after the feast of Saint Michaell tharchaungell next commyng, yerely in one of the festiuall dayes in the Easter weeke, and at euery other tyme when and as often as it is and shalbe nedefull, taxe and assesse euery propriatour, farmour, and other person, hauyng the possession of any lande or tythes within their seuerall paryshes, to pay suche summe of money, as they shall thinke meete, accordyng to the quantitie and portion

tion of suche landes or tythes, as the same persons so assessed, do or shall haue or holde: And yf the sayde summes of money, or any of them, so tared and assessed, be or shalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after request thereof made by the sayde Churchwardens, or one of them: then euery person so denying or makyng suche defaulte of payment, shall forfayte for euery tyme fyue shyllynges, and the same, together with the sayde summe or summes assessed and tared as is aforesayde, shalbe leuied by distresse, of the goodes and cattels of suche person and persons so assessed, and refusyng to pay such summe, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them: whiche distresse, shalbe ordered and vsed in such maner and fourme, as distresses taken for amerciamentes in any letes, and the same summes so tared and assessed, and the sayde penalties, yf any be so by them leuied, as is aforesayde, shalbe yerely by the sayde Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, or one of them, of euery such paryshe, delyuered, by bill or byls indented to two honest and substancial persons of euery such paryshe, whiche shalbe elected and appoynted by the sayde Churchwardens, for the tyme beyng, to haue the yerely distribution thereof, and shalbe named the distributours of the prouision for the destruction of noyfull foules and vermyn. And the sayde distributours so appoynted, as is aforesayde, shall geue and paye of the same money so to them delyuered, to euery person that shall bryng to them any heades of olde Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken within the seuerall paryshes, for the heads of euery three of them, a penny. And for the heads of euery sixe younge Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken as is aforesayde, a penny. And for euery sixe egges of any of them vnbroken, a penny. And lykewyse for euery twelue Stares heads, a penny. All whiche sayde heads and egges, the sayde distributours in some conuenient place shall kepe, and shall euery moneth at lest, bryng foorth the same before the sayd Churchwardens and tarours or three of them, and then and there to them shall make a true accompt in wryting, what money they haue layed foorth, and payde for suche heads and egges, and for the heads of such other rauenous brydes and vermyn, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned. That is to saye: For euery head of Merten Hawkes, Furlebytte, Moldbytte, Busarde, Schagge, Carmerante, or Ryngtayle. ii. d. and for euery two egges of them, one penny. For euery Iron or Osprayes head, foure pence. For the head of euery woodwall, Pye, Jaye, Rauen, or Ryte, one penny. For the head of euery byrd whiche is called the kyngs Fysher, one penny. For the head of euery Bulfynche, or other byrde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one penny. For the heads of euery Foxe or Gray, xii. d. and for the head

of euery Fitchewe, Polcatte, Weſell, Stote, Fayre Bade, or wylde Catte. i. d. For the heads of euery Otter, or Hedgehogges. ii. d. For the heads of euery three Rattes, or twelue Myſe. i. d. For the heads of euery Moldwarpe or Wante, a. ob. For the heads of euery which byrdes and vermyn laſt mentioned, the ſayde diſtributours ſhall lykewyſe paye and geue to the brynger of them, for euery head kyld and taken, within theyr ſeuerall paryſhe, as before is limitted, and ſhall kepe the ſame to be ſhewed foorth vppon theyr accompte, in maner and fourme as is aforeſayde. All whiche ſayde heades and egges, ſhalbe foorthwith, after ſuche accompte made, in the preſence of the ſayde Churchwardens and tarours, or of three of them, burned, conſumed, or cut in ſunder. And yf vppon any accompte to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuche diſtributours, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remaynyng in the handes of the ſayde diſtributours, or of any of them, then the ſame ſhalbe by byll indented, as is aforeſayde, deliuered ouer to ſuch perſons, as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office, for the yere next folowyng, by them to be diſtributed, as is aforeſayde.

And for the better execution of this Acte, be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that it may and ſhalbe lawfull to and for euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter wyll trauell for the takyng of Crowes, Rookes, Chaughes, and other the vermyn aboueſayde, to enter for the ſame purpoſe and intent into any place thereforе meete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or occuppyer of the ſame, and there to vſe ſuch nettes, engins, and other reaſonable deuyſes, as are meete and conuenient for the taking and deſtruction of ſuche vermyn (handgunnes and croſbowes excepted) and ſhall take and haue all ſuche Crowes, Chaughes, Rookes, and other vermyn to his and theyr owne vſes. And yf the ſayde Churchwardens, and ſix perſons of any paryſhe or paryſhes, ſo required by the Churchwardens, as is afore ſayd, or the perſons elected for diſtributours, or any of them, ſhal refuſe or make default in the execution of this Act, or any part thereof, contrary to the fourme aforeſayde: then euery ſuche perſon ſhall forfayte for euery ſuche defaulte, fyue poundes, the one moitie thereof, to be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof, to hym or them, vſing tillage yerely within the ſame Shire, that ſhall ſue for the ſame in any court of recorde of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action of dette, or byll of information, wherin the defendaunt or defendauntes ſhall haue no protection, eſſoigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Prouided alwayes, & be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that this Act or any braunch therin conteyned, ſhal not in any wiſe

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ertende to geue any libertie or aucthoritie to any perſon or perſons, to vſe or exercile any meane or engyn, for the deſtruction of Crowes or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the vermyn aforeſayde, in any place or places, to the diſturbaunce, let, or deſtruction of the buyldyng or breedyng of any kynde of Hawkes, Herons, Egryts, Paupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt or deſtructiō of any Doues, douehouſes, Deere or warren of Conies: Any thing in this Acte to the contrarye conteyned, notwithſtandyng.

And be it further prouyded, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not ertende to geue or appoynte any ſumme or ſummes of money, to be geuen, payde, or diſtributed, to any perſon or perſons, for the head or heades of any Buſarde, Ringtayle, Yerne, Polcatte, Fytchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde, employed to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in douehouſes, nor to the kyllyng or bryngyng the head of any Kyte or Rauen, kylled in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two myles of the ſame. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

¶ An Act that in diuers Counties, there *ſhalbe but one Sheriffe in* one Countie.

¶ The. xvi. Chapter.

Here as the Counties and Shires of Surrey and Suſſex, Eſſex and Hertforde, Somerſet and Dorſet, warwycke and Leyceſter, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, of long tyme haue had but one Sheryffe, to ſerue for two of the ſayde Counties, that is to ſaye, one for Surrey and Suſſex, and one other for Eſſex and Hertford, and one other for Somerſet and Dorſet, and one other for warwycke and Leyceſter, and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oxon and Barks. The occaſion whereof in the begynnyng (as it ſhoulde ſeeme) was, for that euery of the ſayde ſeuerall Counties, were not then ſo well inhabited with gentelmen of good abilitie, to ſerue in

the sayde office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And forsomuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Shirefwyke of the sayde Counties, is more then in tymes past it hath ben, and is nowe commonly greater then one Shiresse is able to serue and supplie: Therefore suche gentelmen as do dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are verye desirous to haue for euery of the sayde Counties, one Shiresse to be yerely made and appoynted for the same. And for that the hauyng of seuerall Shiresses accordyngly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to suche as shall hereafter be appoynted to suche office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath ben:

Be it therefore enacted by the auctho*r*itie of this p*re*sent Parliament, that the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and maye from and after the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, yerely chose and make for euery of the sayde Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Shiresse of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben vsed to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: Any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or vsed, to the contrarye therof, notwithstandyng. And that euery person, which after the sayd first day of Nouember shalbe made and appoynted Shiresse, for any of the sayd Counties, shalbe accomptable and vsed in the order of his accompte, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the court of Exchequer, and all other courtes and places, in suche maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed for Shiresses in like cases.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesayd, that the Barons of the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, of the court of Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, callyng vnto them alwell her or theyr graces officers of remembrauncer, and the Treasourers remembrauncer, together with the Clearke of the pype of the same court, as also the seuerall Shiresses, the which next after the sayde first daye of Nouember, shalbe by her hyghnes, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted, of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Suller, Eller and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, warwycke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and auctho*r*itie, to seuer and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Suller, Eller and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, warwycke and Leycester, Nottyngham and Derbye, Oxon and Barks.

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The whiche sayde seuerannce and deuision of the sayd proffers, shalbe entred of recorde in the sayde court of Exchequer, and shalbe finall and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuance.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the sayde proffers shalbe deuyded, euen so the tayle of rewarde of euery of the foresayd Counties, where any tayle of rewarde hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and deuyded in maner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it lykewyse further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Barons, for the tyme being, of the Queenes highnes sayde court of Exchequer, and of her heyres and successours, callyng vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembraunce, and the Clearke of the pype, shall haue full power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntement, for the true and speedy payment and contentation of suche creation money, fees and annuities, and all other summes of money, as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payd, or of right ought to haue ben payd, to any person or persons, by the handes of the sayde seuerall Shireffes. And that suche order, direction, and appoyntment so made, had, and taken by the sayde Barons, in maner and fourme last before recited, shalbe obserued, perfourmed, fulfylled, and kept yerely, aswell by both the Shireffes of the sayd seuerall counties of Surrey and Sussex, for the tyme beyng, as by the sayde seuerall Shireffes, for the tyme beyng, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of Warwicke and Leycester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Oxon, and Berks: Any vsage, lawe, or custome, to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no Shireffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Countries in this Acte mentioned, shall paye in any court of recorde, for any duetie, belongyng properly to the office of Shireffe, any other fees or charges, then onlye the one halfe of the charges and fees, whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue payde, yf he had ben Shireffe of two of the sayd Shires and Counties, as before the makyng of this Acte was vsed: Any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of three whole yeres, to be accompted from the feaste of all Sainctes, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. LXIJ. and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowyng the ende of the sayde three yeres.

¶ An Act for confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie.

¶ The. xvij. Chapter.

Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, haue louyngly and liberally for certayne consideracions, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsidie of foure shyllynges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler theyr promotions spirituall within the same prouince, duryng the terme of three yeres nowe next ensuyng, in such certayne maner and fourme, and with suche exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument, by them thereof made, and delyuered to the Queenes hyghnes, vnder the seale of the moste reuerende father in God, Mathewe, nowe Archbyshop of Canterbury, and Primate of all Englande: whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouynce of Canterbury, beyng lawfully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or Synode, callyng to theyr remembraunce the greate and manyfolde benefites, whiche they haue many and sundry wayes receaued of your Maiesties moste gracious bountyfulnes, principallye for the settyng forth, and aduaunceyng of Goddes holye worde, his syncere and true religion, and abolyshyng all forrayne power, contrarye to the same. Consideryng also the greate debtes, wherewith the imperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almyghtie God fyrst to call your hyghnes to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, waygyng the greate charges, wherwith your Maiestie both hath ben, and is lyke to be burthened hereafter, for the defendyng and preseruyng your hyghnes Realme, and naturall subiectes in christian peace, tranquillitie, and safetie.

In consideration thereof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes, and myndes towardes your Maiestie, with

with one vniforme agreement, accorde, and consent together, with moste hartie good wyll, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunte, to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, one Subsidye, in maner and fourme folowyng.

That is to saye: That euery Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, Maister of Colledge, Prebendary, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the prouince of Canterbury, enioying any spirituall promotion or other temporall possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor seperated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwyse, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, for euery pounde that he maye yerely dispende by reason of the sayd spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shyllynges. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subsidye shalbe made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, nowe remayning of recorde in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the payment of the perpetuall disme or tenthe, graunted to your Maiesties moste noble father, in the .xxvi. yere of his raigne, concernyng suche promotions as nowe be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not deuyded by any Acte of Parliament, or otherwyse alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely be folowed and obserued, without making any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the sayde recorde is nowe comprysed.

Prouyded alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the sayd rate and valuation before mentioned, is yerely payde to your hyghnesse for the sayde perpetuall disme, so as there remayneth onely nyne partes, to the incumbent clere: This Subsidye of foure shyllynges the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and meant of euery pounde onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more.

Prouyded alwayes, that no person that is alredye promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, sithens the .xxiiii. day of May last past, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, on thilkde the .xxiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne, by reason whereof he is, shall or maye be charged to the payement of the firste fruites for the said promotion, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same to your hyghnes, your heyres, or successours, with any parte of this Subsidye, duryng the firste yere after the acceptaunce of his sayde promotion.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that this Subsidy of .iiii.s. the pounde, of the nyne partes of the yerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayde, within the sayde prouince,

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tared, as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, within three yeres next ensuing the date herof, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to saye, sixtene pence of euery pound aforesayde, in euery of the sayde three yeres. The first payment therof, to be due at the .xxiiii. daye of May next ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, three score and seuen. And the second payment therof, to be due at the .xxiiii. day of Maye then next folowyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and eyght. And the thyrde payment therof, to be due the .xxiiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne: To be delyuered and payde yerely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection therof, to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England, for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, to be payde at or before the last daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres, without paying any thyng to the receauer, or to any other officers or persons, to be assigned for the receipte therof, for any acquittaunce or other discharge vpon any such payment and receipte of the sayde Subsidye, or any part therof to be geuen and delyuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clearke, for the wrytyng of euery of the same acquittaunces, or discharge, for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your sayde graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guyldes, and Hospitals, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolued within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall lykewyse paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, foure shyllynges of euery pounde of the sayde pensions, within the sayde three yeres, at suche dayes and tymes, as are before specified. And that for the sure payment therof, deduction and retention of the sayde foure shyllynges shalbe made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proporcion of sixtene pence the pounde, euery of the sayde three yeres, to be delyuered and payde by your hyghnes receauers and officers, deputed for the payment of suche pensions, vnto your Maiesties vse, at suche tyme and to suche persons, as the Subsidye of foure shyllynges the pounde aforesayde, shalbe payde vnto.

Item your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do graunte, that euery Priest or Minister stipendarie, receauing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuitie, of fyue poundes. xiii.s. iiii.d. or aboue, within the sayde

sayde prouince, shall paye vnto the vse of your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, sire shyllynges and eyght pence, in euery of the sayd three yeres, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the sayd Subsidye shalbe payde. And for default of payment of the sayde stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyryng any Priest or Minister, to serue in any place, shalbe aunswerable and charged for and with the payment of the sayd. vi. s. viii. d. for the sayd Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde three yeres, and shall and may make retention of his and theyr wages, quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with, by this present graunt, euery of the sayde three yeres.

Item your sayd Prelates and Cleargie further do graunte, that euery Archbyshop and Byshop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidy within theyr proper dioces, duryng the sayde three yeres, other then of the pensioners aforesayde. And the sayde Archbyshop, Byshop, or the See being voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, shall certifie into your Maiesties court of Exchequer, vnder theyr seales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priests and Ministers within their dioces, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the sayde last day of October, yerely duryng the sayde three yeres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do most humbly beseche your Maiestie, that it maye be enacted by your sayde Maiestie, and your hygh Court of Parliament (for the speedy payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidye, or of any part therof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any part therof, to the vse of your Maiestie, your heyres or successours, to any person or persons, appointed to receaue the same by your hyghnes, or by the sayde Lord hygh Treasourer or Subtreasourer: that the sayd person or persons so appoynted, shall within foure dayes next after such appointment, receaue or cause to be receaued, the money so offered to be payde, without any further delay: And shall delyuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receipt therof, to the said Collectour or his deputie, vpon euery such particuler payment. And that euery such auditour as is or shalbe appointed to take or receaue thaccompt of any suche Collectour or Collectours, shall within sire dayes next after request to him to be made, truely & indifferently take the sayde accompte, and make allowaunce, as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon payne that euery such person & persons, appointed to receaue the summe or summes so offered, and euery such auditour, shall lose and forfayte for euery default or delay to be made, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offeryng to make payment or accompte,

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as is aforesayde, the summe of tenne poundes, of lawfull money of England, the one moytie therof, to be to your Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to the sayde Collectour or Collectours so greeued, the same to be payde vpon complainte made to the sayde Lorde Treasourer, vnder Treasourer, or to the Lorde chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complaynte, shall presently examine the matter, and fyndyng default, shall commit thoffender to warde, there to remayne vntyll he shall haue payde the sayde seuerall summes so forfayted.

And for the better leuying and recouering of the sayde Subsidy, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do lykewyse moste humbly beseech your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to saye: That euery Collectour of the sayde Subsidye, and of euery parte and parcell thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, maye haue full power and aucthoritie, to vse all such wayes and meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall dysme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and maye make accompte thereof, before the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England, for the tyme beyng, or any other officers by your hyghnes, or your court of Exchequer, to be appoynted for the same, and in suche place, as your Maiestie lykewyse shall assigne, in such wyse, and after suche fourme onely, as the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops be nowe charged to make accompte for the said perpetuall dysme or tenthe, wherby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any particuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbents, and such others as be bound to paye the same. And that the Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, and Chapitour, gatheryng that whiche they can receaue, and makyng payment thereof, shall for the rest, not by them receaued, be discharged by their certificat, to be made before the last daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres, vnto your hyghnes court of Exchequer: And that sixe pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompte, clearely to be payde into the receipte of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, shalbe allowed to the sayde Collectour vppon his accompte for the same, in euery of the sayde three yeres, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying, and paying of the same Subsidye.

And moreouer, that it maye be enacted lykewyse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidye shalbe once due by vertue of this graunte, in any of the sayde three yeres, yf any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsidye, beyng at any tyme, after that the same payment

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shalbe due, lawfully monyshed, eyther personally, or at his Dignitie Stall, Churche, or Mansion house, by the Archbyshop or Byshop of the dioces, or theyr deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chaptour, the See being voyde, or by any theyr deputie or deputies, authorised in that behalfe, to appeare by hym selfe or his deputie, at a certaine day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, then and there to paye suche part of the sayde Subsidye, for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunte shalbe due: do not eyther at the same daye and place so to hym signified and prefixed, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and payde, the same parte of the sayde Subsidye, whiche then by hym shalbe due to be payde, vnto the same Archbyshop, or Byshop, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng voyde, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewyng sufficient deputation from the sayde Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chaptour, vnder his or theyr seale in that behalfe, beyng redye at the same daye and place so signified and prefixed, to receaue the sayde Subsidye then due, and openlye demaundyng the same, or els paye the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefixed daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidye, in and at the sayde place and daye before prefixed:) that then euery Incumbent so makyng defaulte of payment, of his parte of the sayde Subsidye, in any of the sayde three yeres, after suche defaulte thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer, in wrytyng vnder the seale and hande wrytyng of any Archbyshop or Byshop, or of the Deane and Chaptour, the See beyng voyde, charged with the collection of the same Subsidye, so that the sayde certificat shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde court of Exchequer, before the laste daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres: shall forfayte and lose that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name soeuer it be called, for whiche he maketh suche defaulte of payment, and whereof suche certificat shalbe made, and shalbe thereof deprsyued ipso facto. And the sayde promotion from and after the daye of the delyuerye of the sayde certificat, into your hyghnes court of Exchequer, shalbe clerely voyde and destitute of incumbent, in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as yf suche incumbent, makyng suche defaulte of payment, were dead in deede. And that euery certificat of any suche defaulte of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour and effect ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregiis viris, Domino Thesaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illustrissimæ dominæ nostræ, dominæ Elizabeth, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris, &c. vester humilis E. permissione diuina. L. Episcopus, authoritate, & vigore cuiusdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ reginæ octauo editi, & prouisi, ad colligendum & leuandum subsidium eidem dominæ reginæ, in eodem Parliamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuariensis prouinciæ concessum, videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluenda. xxiiii. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra diocœsim nostram. L. deputatus, & authorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Episcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum & authorizatum, sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per N.O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica, in quadam schedula præsentibus annexa specificatis, summas dicti subsidii pro dictis beneficiis, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima solutione dicti subsidii debiti soluendi dicto vicesimo quarto die Maii, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem schedula præsentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die Anno domini millesimo, quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo. **The tourme of whiche schedule aboue mentioned, ensueth**, videlicet:

Vicaria de M. Decanatus de A. B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. prædictam, die vltimo præterito per E. D. deputatum meum, ad soluendum apud Ecclesiam de L. in comitatu E. die tunc proximè sequente illam partē Subsidij per se debitam. xxiiij. die Maij vltimo præterito pro promotione sua prædicta. Sed prædictus A.B. nec apud Ecclesiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies postea, summam per se debitam, vt præfertur, non soluit nec satisfecit: neque dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare siue recipere potui.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any person or incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunte to any payment of this Subsidye, shall proffer or tender payment of any summe due to the Archbyshop or Byshop, or to the Deane and Chaptour, where the see is voyde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane, and Chaptour aforesayde, at any tyme before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforesayde, that then notwithstandyng the certificat made, as is aforesayde, agaynst any such person, the sayde incumbent or person, against whom the certificat was so made, shall and maye auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforesayde. And yf the same shalbe tried, eyther by sufficient

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wytnesses before the Lorde Treasourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vppon an issue therevppon to be ioyned betwixt the same incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any for hym dyd offer or tender the payment of the summe due, as is aforesayde: That then euery suche incumbent shall haue and enioye his promotion or promotions styll, as though no certificat of defaulte of suche payment hadde ben made, or exhibited: Any thyng in this graunte or Acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And further that it maye be enacted lykewyse, that euery Archbyshop, and Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See bacant, and other persons chargeable, to and with the collection of the sayde Subsidye, of foure shyllynges the pounde, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall and maye haue vppon euery payment of the same Subsidye, made to the Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vndertreasourer of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your hyghnes, or your court of Exchequer, to appointe for the receipte thereof, in euery of the sayde three yeres, a sufficient acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est in wrytyng of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vndertreasourer, or of suche other person or persons, as eyther your hyghnes or your sayde court of Exchequer shall assigne, for the receipte thereof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben accustomed, the same acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, wytnessyng the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the sayde Subsidye, as shalbe so receaued. And that euery suche acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, in wrytyng, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vndertreasourer, for the tyme beyng, or of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your hyghnes, or your sayde court of Exchequer, to appointe for the same receipte, or of suche others, as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben vsed, shall and maye be good and effectuall in the lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euery of the sayde Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of Parliament. And that euery of the sayde Collectours shall paye but only three shyllyngs and foure pence, for euery general and finall acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, for euery yeres payment of the sayd Subsidye. And also that euery particuler acquittaunce, whiche vppon payment of any parte of the sayde Subsidye, shalbe made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidye, or of any

payment thereof, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorye and chargeable to and with the same Subsidye, or any parte or payment thereof, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery suche incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all suche summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittaunce shalbe acknowleged, to be receaued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or parte of the same Subsidye. And that none acquittaunce of any other person or persons, made before suche certificat, shall in any wyse discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsidye, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forfayture, specified in this graunte.

And to the intent it maye be knowen to the court of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery suche Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittaunce: Euery Archbyshop, Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng voyde, shall yerely with the certificat of the names of stipendarie Prieſtes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to be appointed, as is aforesayde.

Prouided alwayes, that no spirituall promotions, or any landes, possessions, or reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunte of the prouince of Canterburye, or any goodes or cattelles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng vppon the same, or els where, appertaynyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or of any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorie, to any fyftenth or tenth, or any other Subsidye, alredye graunted to your hyghnes by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the tearme of the sayde three yeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, or of any of them, within the sayde prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidye for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onlye, whiche to theyr seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Romes, are clerely and distinctely limitted, and to theyr owne onely vses seuered, thereof to paye the tenth parte, beyng deducted foure shyllynges of euery pounde, within the sayde three yeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spirituall promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by your hyghnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other

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perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, geuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuiſed, or impropried vnto the ſayd Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be aſſigned or vſed, eyther for or towardes the yerely maintenaunce of poore men, Schoolemaſters, Vſhers, Gramarians, Peticanons, Vicars, Chorall readers of diuinitie, ſinging men, Choriſters, Vergers, or of any other neceſſarie and dayly officers or miniſters, in ſuche Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifying or repayring of any of the ſame Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fabricam Eccleſiæ, ſhall not be charged with any part of this Subſidye. The certaintie of whiche portions, aſwell chargeable to this Subſidye, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbyſhop or Byſhop of the dioces, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, vpon due ſearche and examination, ſhall certifie vnder his or theyr ſeale, into your hyghnes ſayde court of Exchequer, before the ſayde laſt day of October, in euery of the ſayde three yeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parſon, Vicar, or other ſpirituall perſon, paying any penſion, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, ſhall and may reteyne ſixteene pence of euery pounde, of euery ſuche penſion euery yere, duryng the ſayde three yeres, to his owne reliefe, in conſideration that he is charged to paye this Subſidye of foure ſhyllynges the pounde, out of euery pounde of the whole value of his promotion.

Prouided alſo, and your ſayde Prelates and Cleargie do moſte humblye beſeche your hyghnes, that it maye be enacted by your Maieſties auctoritie, and your hygh Court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, ſpirituall promotions, tythes, penſions, portions, fruictes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and perſons Eccleſiaſticall, within the ſayde prouince of Canterbury, whiche were geuen and aſſigned, to be beſtowed and ſpent to and on the fyndyng and maintaynyng of certayne Chauntryes, Anniuerſaries, Obites, Lyghtes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes, and purpoſes, of late came into the handes and poſſeſſion of the late Kyng of famous memorie Edward the ſixte, by force of a Statute thereof made in the fyrſt yere of his late raigne, as by the ſayde eſtatute more playnely appeareth: That the ſayde Cathedrall Churches, and the Byſhops, Deanes, or Preſidenters and Chaptours of the ſame, and all other places and perſons, or any of them, to whom the ſayde landes, rentes, and all other the premiſſes or any of them, dyd lately appertayne: ſhall not duryng the ſayde three yeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subſidye of and for that part or portion of lands, tenementes, rentes, ſpirituall

promotions and other hereditamentes, or any of them, whereunto the sayde late King by force of the sayde statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of, or for any yerely rentes or paymentes, going out, or due to be payde unto your Maiestie, out of the premysses, nor any part therof: But only of and for all and singuler landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fruictes, and other hereditamentes, whiche do yet styll remayne not dilleuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayde. And that deduction and allowaunce thereof be made to them, and euery of them, accordyngly, in and uppon euery payment of this sayde Subsidye, out of the whole value, taxation, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall dysme or tenthe, remaynyng of recorde in your hyghnes court of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yerely paymentes, whereunto the sayde late King was intituled or possessed of, or whiche otherwyse haue ben severed from the possessions of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of the statute premysed: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoeuer, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also, that this Subsidye graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College, scituate or set within eyther of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues unto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayd vniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of Studentes or College in any of the same vniuersities, united, appropried, or appertaynyng, or of the Colleges of Wyndsor, or Eton nygh Wyndsor, or of the College called sainct Marie College by Wynchester, founded by Wylliam Wickham, sometyme Bysshop of Wynchester, or of any Hospitalles, or Grammer Schooles, or of any other Churche, benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde vniuersities, Houses, Colleges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or otherwyse appertaynyng.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue fyre poundes, thyrteene shyllynges, & foure pence, by yere, after the taxation aforesayde, shall not be charged with this Subsidy, or any parte thereof.

Prouided also, that euery vicar, whose benefice is aboue fyre pounds, thyrteene shyllyngs, and foure pence, and not aboue tenne poundes by yere, after the taxation aforesayde, shall paye euery

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yere of the sayde three yeres, onely sixe shyllynges eyght pence for his parte of the sayde Subsidye, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to paye, by force of this graunt, and not otherwyse.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or any other incorporations within the prouince of Canterbury, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shyllynges, or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any suche pension: Any thyng conteyned in this graunte to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidye, graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, purporte, effecte, and true meanyng of this present graunte: Your sayde Prelates and Cleargie, moste humblye desyre your hyghnes, that this their sayde gyfte, graunte, and Subsidye, and euerye matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concernyng the sayde Subsidye, maye be ratified, established, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie of your hyghnes court of Parliament.

Wherfore for the true and sure payment of the sayde Subsidye, graunted by the sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouince of Canterburye, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde gyfte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the sayde instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, established, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gatheryng of the sayde Subsidye, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to leuie, take, and perceaue the same Subsidye, by the aucthoritie of the Censures of the Churche: That is to saye, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruictes and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vppon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenements, chargeable by the sayd instrument, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, to be due by force thereof, or

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otherwyse, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition, or supersedeas shalbe alowed or obeyed for any person or persons, makyng defaulte of payment of the sayde Subsidye, contrarye to the tenour of the graunte thereof, vntyll suche tyme as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery suche farmour and farmours, theyr executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged, to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof, shall by the authoritie aforesayde, be alowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerely rente and farme, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leassour, shall extende vnto, except the sayde farmour or farmours, theyr executours and assignes, by the leasse and graunte that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites and tenementes, chargeable to this sayde Subsidye, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge theyr Leassour and Landlorde, duryng the terme mentioned in the sayde leasse.

And lykewyse be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subsidye, beyng otte[n]tymes remoueable, do serue as well in diuers impropriations, belongyng to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other impropriations, and in other spirituall promotions, belongyng to other persons, that for the speedy recouery of the sayde Subsidye, it maye be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the sayde Subsidye, theyr deputie or deputies, to leuie the sayde Subsidye vppon the farmour and farmours, or occuppyers of all suche impropriations and spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Churche aforesayd, and euery of them, or by waye of distresse, of the tythes of the sayde impropriation or impropriations, and spirituall promotions, or otherwyse, vppon the goodes and cattels of the sayde farmour or farmours, and occuppyers, in whiche case no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other processe, awarded to the contrarye, shalbe obeyed: Any lawes, statutes, priuileges, or customes, to the contrarye hereof, heretofore made, graunted or vsed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vsed, to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And that it maye be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers, and ministers of such Archbyshop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, for not payment of the sayde Subsidye, after the same shalbe due in any of the sayde three yeres, to prayse and value the sayde distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neyghbours, by hym to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so praysed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne

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so muche money, as shall amounte to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour, sustayned in that behalfe, and the reste of the money made of the sayde distresse, to be delyuered and payde to the owner or occupyer thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery laye person, hauyng spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauyng temporall possessions, goodes, chattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidye graunted in this Parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, tared, and set, for his sayde spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattels reall, with the temporaltie, and not otherwyse: any thyng before mentioned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunte and grauntes, of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorcke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect, in all thynges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterbury: and shalbe tared, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payde, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner and fourme, as though it were specially, playnely, and particularly expressed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all prouisoes before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorcke, shalbe good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kept in euery point and article, accordyng to the true purporte and meanyng of the same.

An Acte of one Fyfteene and Tenth, and of one Subſidie, graunted *by the Temporaltie.*

WE your *Maieſties moſte humble* Subiectes, meanyng (accordyng to our moſt bounden dueties) to preſent vnto your Maieſtie, by waye of Subſidie, ſome reliefe, for the great extraordinarie charges, ſuſteyned in the defence of your Maieſties dominions and countreys, againſt ſundrye daungerous attemptes: can not forbeare, but with all humblenesſe, moſt thankfullye to ſet before the ſame our moſte lowly thankes, for three ſpeciall matters proceadyng from your Maieſtie, to our benefite, ioy, and comfort, in this preſent aſſemblee.

Firſt, for the moſt princely conſideration hadde of vs, in the forbearyng at this tyme ſome portion of that, which accordyng to the greatneſſe and neceſſitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yelded vnto your Maieſtie.

Secondly, for the moſt comfortable aſſuraunce and promyſe, by your Maieſtie made and declared vnto vs, that for our weale and ſuretie, your Maieſtie would mary, aſſoone as God ſhould geue you opportunitie to accomplyſhe the ſame, whereof we haue receaued infinite comfort, and ſhall pray to almyghtie God to further & proſper all your Maieſties actions tendyng therevnto, that we your moſte naturall Subiectes, may ſpeedyly ſee ſome noble iſſue of your body, to continue perpetually by diſcent the ſucceſſion of this imperiall Crowne.

Thirdly, for the great hope and comfort we haue conceaued, by the meanes of your Maieſties moſt honourable ſpeache vttered and declared vnto vs, of your moſt gracious and princely diſpoſition and determination, when tyme ſhall therevnto ſerue conuenientlye, with the ſuretie of your Maieſties perſon, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further ſtablyſhyng of the ſucceſſion of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iuſtice ſhall require the ſame, after the ſucceſſion of thiſſue of your body. In which your gracious diſpoſition and care for vs, we moſte humbly beſeche almyghtie God to continue your Maieſtie, and to proſper

your intentions and actions, to establyshe that, which with assent of your Realme in parliament, may be agreable and consonant to lawe and iustice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayse, honour, and memorie of your Maiestie, and yours perpetually: And that touchyng the graunt of our sayde Subsidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowyng.

BE IT ENACTED, that your hyghnesse, towarde the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better mayntenaunce of your royall estate, shall haue by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, one Fyfteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, & leuied, of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thynges vsuall to such Fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributorie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in maner and fourme aforetyme vsed: except the summe of fyre thousande poundes thereof fully to be deducted, in reliefe, comfort, and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughes, of this your sayde Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be deuided in such maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath ben had and deuided. And the sayde Fifteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction aforesayde, therevpon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to say, the one moitie thereof (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghnes, in the receipt of your hyghnes Exchequer, before the first day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. 1567. And the other moitie of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghnes, in the sayde receipt of your Exchequer, before the first day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. 1568.

AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that the Knyghtes elected and returned, of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeses of Boroughes and Townes, where Collectours haue ben vsed to be named and appoynted, for the collection of any Fyfteene and Tenth, before this tyme graunted, shall name and appoynt onlye before the last day of August, in eyther of the sayde two yeres, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the sayde seuerall moities of the sayde Fyfteene and Tenth, in euery of the sayde Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, the sayd persons then hauyng landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne ryght, of an estate of inheritaunce, of the yerely value of. x. li. or in goodes worth a C. li. at the least. And also such person

perſon or perſons, ſo by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe by them ſeuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And alſo the ſayde perſons ſo named and appoynted for the collection of the ſaid ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe ſeuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in the Exchequer to be made, with the ſeuerall moities of all ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they ſhall ſo happen to be appoynted, ſhall amount vnto, and of no more ſumme or ſummes, and vppon the payment of ſuche ſummes of money, as he or they ſhall ſo be charged with, ſhalbe diſcharged, and haue his and their Quietus eſt, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any other his felowes, or the inſufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithſtanding. And the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſayde Collectours, for the ſeueral moities of the ſaid Fifteene and Tenth, duryng eyther of the ſayde two yeres, together with the place allotted to theyr collection and charge, the ſayd Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeſes, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, wherevnto they be elected, named, and returned: ſhall certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the ſame two yeres, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte. And yf default of any ſuche certifiyng be had or made, in fourme as is afore-ſayde: then the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, ſhall immediatly after, name and appoynt Collectours, for the collection of eyther of the ſayd moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, in maner and fourme, as the ſayde knyghtes of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeſes of Boroughes ſhoulde haue done, and as aforetyme hath ben vſed. The whiche ſayd Collectours, and euery of them, ſo to be named and appoynted as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue allowaunce vppon their accomptes, for theyr fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the moitie of the ſayd Fifteene and Tenth ratably, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of any Fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any ſeaſon in tyme paſt. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, ſhall and may from tyme to tyme, awarde ſuche proceſſe for the ſpeedy payment of the ſayde ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, againſt the Collectour and Collectours of the ſame, as by theyr diſcretions ſhalbe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde Lorde Chauncelour, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knightes of the Shire, Citi-

zens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauyng aucthoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde Fyfteene and Tenth: shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & to be endorsed vpō such condition, that yf the sayd Collectour or Collectours do truely content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, so much of the summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same Collectour shall haue collected and gathered, and do lykewyse after the sayde first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yeres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. Which Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde Knyghtes of the shire, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, takyng any such Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and delyuer to the Lorde Treasourer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same first day of Nouember, in euery of the said two yeres, vpon payne of forfayture of. x. li. to the Queenes highnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken & not certified. And that euery such Collectour, vpon request to hym made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognisaunce or obligation accordyngly, vppon lyke payne of forfayture of. x. li. to the Queene, for his refusall therof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, vpon the payment of the same collection, at the said dayes, shall cancel and deliuer the saide Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, without any other warraunt, and without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and wayghtie considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our lyke assent and aucthoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spiritual and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to say, aswell

of euery person borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporated, or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, beyng worth three poundes, for euery pounde, aswell in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery such person, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or their vse: as also plate, stocke of marchaundizes, all maner of corne and grayne, housholde stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, aswell within the Realme, as without, and of all such summes of money, as to hym or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience surely to be payde: Except, and out of the premisses deducted, such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conscience intendeth truly to pay, and except also the apparell of euery such persons, their wiues & children, belongyng to their owne bodies, sauyng Jewels, golde, siluer, stone, and pearle: shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie. xii.d. of euery pounde, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie. x.d. of euery pounde. And also euery Alien and straunger borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, aswel Denizen, as others, inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pounde that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euery pounde in plate, corne, grayne, marchaundizes, housholde stuffe, or other goodes, iewels, cattels, moueable, or vnmoueable, as is aforesaid, aswell within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money to him or them owing, wherof he or they trust in his or their conscience to be payde: Except, and out of the same premisses deducted, euery suche summe or summes of money whiche he or they do owe, and in his or theyr conscience or consciences intende truely to pay: shall pay of and for euery pounde, to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii.s. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. xx.d. of euery pounde. And also that euery Alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, beyng Denizen, or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aboue sayd, shall pay to & for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie. iiii.d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii.d. for euery polle. And the maister, or he or she with whom the same Alien is, or shalbe abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations therof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment thereof.

AND be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guylde, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, for euery pounde that euery of the

ſame perſons, and euery Corporation, fraternitie, Guylde, Miſterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his or their vſe, hath in fee ſimple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, wardſhip, or by copy of court roll, of, and in any honours, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, ſeruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of. xx.s. alwell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, or els where, and ſo vpwardes: ſhall pay to and for the firſt payment of the ſayd Subſidie. xvi.d. of and for euery pounde, and to and for the ſeconde payment of the ſaid Subſidie. xvi.d. of and for euery pounde. And euery Alien, denizen, or not denizen, borne out of the Queenes obeyſaunce, in ſuch caſe, to pay at the firſt of the ſayde paymentes. ii.s. viii.d. of euery pounde, and at the ſeconde payment. ii.s. viii.d. of a for euery pounde. And that all ſummes preſented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goodes and debtes, or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premiſſes, as is in this Acte conteyned, ſhall be at eyther of the ſayd paymentes, ſet and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the diſmes of the Cleargie, and yerely wages due to ſeruauntes for their yerely ſeruice, other then the Queenes ſeruauntes, takyng yerely wages of. v.li. or aboue, onlye excepted and forpriſed.) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goodes, debtes, and cattels, perſonals, beyng in the rule and cuſtodie of any perſon and perſons, to the vſe of any Corporation, fraternitie, Guylde, Miſterie, Brotherhead, or any Comminaltie, being corporate, or not corporate, be and ſhalbe rated, ſet, and charged by reaſon of this Act, as the value certified by the preſentours of that Certificat, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is aboueſaid, and of euery pounde in lands, tenementes, annuities, fees corrodies, or other yerely profites, as is aboueſaid, and the ſummes that are before rehearſed, ſet and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that ſhall haue ſuch goodes in cuſtodie, or otherwiſe charged for landes, as is before rehearſed. And the ſame perſon or perſons, and body corporate, by aucthoritie of this Acte, ſhalbe diſcharged againſt hym or them that ſhall or ought to haue the ſame, at the time of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwyſe departure from the cuſtody or poſſeſſion of the ſame. Except and alwayes forepryſed from the charge and aſſeſſement of this Subſidie, all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, whiche haue ben ordeyned and vſed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and ſeruice of almightie God.

And the firſt payment of the ſaid Subſidie, ſhalbe by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, tared, aſſeſſed, and rated according to this Act, in euery Shire, Rydyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne,

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and euery other place, within this Realme of Englande, & Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the. x. day of Februarye next comming. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the auctheritie aforesayde, tared, assessed, and rated, before the tenth day of Februarye, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God M.D.lxvii. And the particular summes of euery Shyre, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particular names of suche as are chargeable for and to the first payment of the said Subsidie, to be tared and set by the Commissioners to the same limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the. x. day of Marche next commyng. And the particular summes of euery Shire, Rydyng, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particular names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be tared & set by Commissioners, to the same to be limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme, shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer before the. x. day of March, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M.D.lxvii. And the sayde summes, in fourme aforesaid, to be tared to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, before the first day of Aprill next comming. And the sayde summes in maner and fourme aforesayde, to be tared for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayde, to the vse aforesayde, before the first day of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D.lxviii. And the summes abouesayde, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe tared, set, assessed, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuyed, and payde, to the vse of our said Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours, in fourme abouesayde, aswell within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt, or not exempt, as without: except suche shyres, places, and persons, as shalbe foreprysed, in, and by this present Acte: Any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned, notwithstandyng.

AND it is further enacted by the auctheritie of this present Parliament, that euery such person, aswell suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, Denizen, or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayd assessinges or tarations, or of eyther of them, to be had or made,

made, shalbe out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for the same, by the Certificat of the inhabitauntes of the place, where such goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, deputie, or atturney, shal haue his most resort vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as yf the sayde person were or had ben at the time of the sayd assessyng within this Realme. And that euery person abydyng or dwellyng within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this Act, accordyng & after the rate of such yerely substaunce, or value of landes & tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged, shalbe set at in the time of the said assessing or taxation vpon him to be made, & in none other wise.

AND further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that for the sessyng and ordering of the sayde Subsidie, to be duely had, the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great seale, the Lord Treasorer of England, the Lord Steward of the Queenes Maiesties housholde, the Lord President of the Queenes honorable Councell, and the Lorde Priuie seale for the time beyng, or two of them at the least, wherof the Lord Chauncelour of Englande, or keper of the great seale for the tyme beyng, to be one: shall and may name & appoint, of, and for euery Shire, and Rydyng, and other places, aswel within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, and also of, and for euery Citie & Towne, beyng a Countie of it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of wyght, such certaine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of wyght, and euery other place, as they shall thinke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honorable housholde of the Queenes Maiestie, in what shyre or other places the sayd housholde shal happen then to be. And the Lord Chauncelour, or Lord keper of the great seale, & other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name and appoynt of euery other such Borough, and Towne corporate, aswell in England, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two of the head officers, and other honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, accordyng to the number and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The whiche persons, yf any suche be therevnto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties of them selues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the

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persons named for such Shires & Rydynges, as the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in them selues, be set, and haue their beyng. which persons so named, for and of the sayde boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the sayd boroughes, and townes corporate, wherin they be so named only, nor to execute the sayde Commission within the borough or towne corporate where they be so dwellyng, but at such dayes and tymes as the sayd other Commissioners for the same Shyre and Rydyng, shall therunto limit and appoynt, within the same Borough or Towne corporate, not beyng Countie corporate, wherof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be aydyng, and assistyng with the saide other Commissioners, in, & for the good executyng of the effect of the said Commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery such citie, borough and towne corporate, not being a countie, to make such fine as the said other Commissioners in the commission of and for the same Shire or Rydyng so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretions set, & certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in lyke maner as yf such or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery such person for the sayde Subsidie.

The which Commissioners, so named of and for the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes, not beyng counties, and onlye put in the sayde Commission by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this Act afterwarde specified & alowed. And the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or the keper of the great Seale of England for the tyme beyng, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chaunceric, vnder the great Seale, seuerall Commissions: that is to saye, to euery Shire, Rydyng, Lathe, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Ile, & Houshold, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretion, & any of the other with him afore named and appoynted, as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient, for the sessyng and leuying of the sayde Subsidie, in all shires and places, according to the true meanyng of this Act. which Commission for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the .xx. day of January next commyng: And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe directed and delyuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the .xx. day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde GOD .M.D.lxvii. And to euery of the sayde Commissions

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tenne Scedules, conteyning in them the tenour of this Acte, shalbe affyled. By whiche Commission, the Commissioners in euery suche Commission named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the sayde Commission, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to put the effect of the same Commission in execution: And that by aucthoritie of this Acte, after suche Commissions to them directed, they may by theyr assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues for the execution of theyr Commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Paryshes, and other places within the limittes of theyr sayde Commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betwene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenor and effect of the Commission to them therin directed. Uppon whiche seueraunce, euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but only in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appoynted accordyng to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shyre, Riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayde Houseliolde, or anye other place, and none other: shall truely, effectually, and diligentlye for theyr part, execute the effect of this present Acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwyse by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof. And the sayde Commissioners, and as manye of them as shalbe appointed by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and Acte, shall for the taration of the sayde fyrst payment of the sayde Subsedye, before the last day of January next commyng: And for the taration of the sayde second payment of the sayde Subsedye, shall before the last day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundreth, threescore and seuen, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in fourme aforesayde, direct theyr seuerall or ioynte precept or preceptes, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the moste substanciall, discrete, and honeste persons inhabitauntes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as manye of them as shalbe appoynted

poynted by the sayde Commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Paryshes, Townes, and other places, aswell within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of theyr Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by theyr discretions in diuision, shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shalbe requisite, strayghtly by the same precept chargyng and commaundyng the same inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforsayde, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in theyr proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or suche number of them, as they shall diuide them selues, accordyng to the tenour of the sayde Commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesaide, by their discretions shalbe limitted thervnto, to do and accomplishe all that to them on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie, shalbe enioyned, touchyng this Acte. Commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes suche preceptes shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplishe the same, vpon payne of. xl.s. to be forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie.

AND it is further ordayned, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shyre, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whervnto he was limitted: shal appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shal cal, or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitauntes & officers, to whom they haue directed their said preceptes, & which had in commaundement there to appeare by vertue of the sayd precept. And if any person so warned, make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickneesse or lawful excuse, & that let, then be witnessed by othes of two credible persons, or if any appearing, refuse to serue in fourme folowyng: then euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shal forfaite to ỹ Quenes Maiestie. xl.s. & so at euery time appointed by the said Cõmissioners for the same

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taration, vnto such tyme the number of euery such persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder written, euery of them so makyng default, or refusyng so to serue, shal forfayt to the Queenes Maiestie .xl. s. And vpon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporall oth, to inquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng and abydyng within the limittes of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or their most resorte vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Act of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thynges requisite, touchyng the sayde Act, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therevpon, as neare as it may be or shall come to their knowledge, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, cattelles, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the same Act, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vpon payne of forfayture of .x. li. or more, to be tared, extracted, & leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Act shalbe limitted or appoynted. And therevpon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effecte of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificat, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof abouesayde, and of all maner of persons, aswell of aliens and straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabytyng within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this Act, and of the possessions, goodes, and cattelles of Fraternities, Guyldes, Corporations, Brotherheades, Misteries, and Comminalties, and other as is abouesayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the seas, hauyng goodes and cattelles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is aforesayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesayde. By the which information and shewyng, the saide person shoulde haue such playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, and of the maner of their certificat, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignoraunce. And after such charge, and the statute of the saide Subsidie, and the maner of the saide certificat to be made in writing, conteynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of yerely value of landes and

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tenementes, and of suche like possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thyng to theyr Certificat requisite and necessary to them declared: the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall by theyr discretions appoint and limit vnto the sayde persons, another daye and place, to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and chargyng the sayde persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all wayes and meanes, of the premisses, and then and there, euery of them, vppon payne of forfayture of fourtie shyllynges, to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in wrytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath ben declared and shewed by the Commissioners. At whiche day and place so to them prefixed, yf any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde Certificat: that then euerye of them so offendyng, to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllynges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sickneſſe or otherwyse, by the othes of two credible persons there wytnessed. And of such as appeare, ready to make Certificat as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall take and receaue the same Certificat, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substaunce of euery person so certified, and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place, by theyr agreement among themselues, shall from tyme to time openly there prefixe a day, at a certaine place or places, within the limittes of theyr Commission, by theyr discretion, for theyr further proceading to the sayde assessing of the same Subsidie, and thereuppon at the sayde day of the sayde Certificat, as is aforesayd, taken, the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers, of suche Hundredes, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprysyng and conteynyng in the same precept, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde Certificat, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue behement suspect, to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattels, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce beforesayde, then vpon suche person or persons shalbe certified: the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bailiffes, or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, to whom suche preceptes

shalbe directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comprysed in the sayde precept, at theyr mansions, or to theyr persons, that the same persons named in suche preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners at the same newe prefixed day and place, there to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of theyr greatest substaunce and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernyng the premysses, or any of them, accordyng to this Acte. At whiche day and place so prefixed, the sayde Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe comprysed in the sayde precept, as is beforesayde, for theyr examination. And yf any of those persons whiche shall be warned, as is beforesayde, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day, shalbe within suche place where he maye haue knowledge of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners be truely alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so making default, to be tared and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with, and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue ben set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substaunce vppon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng, whiche Commissioners shall trauayle with euerye of the other persons so then and there appearyng, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any behement suspect was or shalbe had, in fourme aboue sayde, by all suche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for the better knowledge of theyr best value, eyther in hereditamentes, or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes. And that euery spirituall person, at eyther of the sayde tarations of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe rated and set accordyng to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euery pounde that the same spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discente, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, or by coppe of Court rolle, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruyces, Offices, Fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iuste, and perely value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the perely value of twentie shyllinges or aboue.

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And it is further enacted, that yf the sayde tarours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in theyr inquirie, taration, assessement, or certificat, but shall affectionatlye, corruptly, or partially demeane them selues in that behalfe, in suche wyse, that the Commissioners shall by theyr consideration deeme them offendours, worthye of punyshement for not doyng theyr dueties therein: that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie, for this Subsidye, shall haue power and authoritie, by theyr discretions eyther to charge the sayde assessours, vppon theyr corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesayde in that behalfe, or els by theyr discretions to tare and set vppon euery of the sayde assessours, for theyr misdemeanours in that behalfe, suche a fyne or payne, as they shall thynke good, so that it exceede not the summe of tenne poundes, and the same fyne or payne, at theyr discretions to estreate into the Court of Exchequer. Euery whiche fyne so tared and set by foure of the sayde Commissioners, or more, and beyng estreated with the Scedule or bookes of that limit, shalbe leuied and aunswered to the Queenes vse, in lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as any other summe that shalbe tared and become due by vertue of this statute and Acte of Subsidye, and not in any other wyse or maner.

And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether he be Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doth fynde hym selfe greeued with the same presentement, sessyng, or taryng, and therevppon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shall be rated, sessed, or tared, or before two of them, before the same taration be certified into the Court of the Exchequer: that then the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularly and distinctlye the person so complaynyng, vppon his othe, and other his neyghbours, by theyr discretions, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his goodes, cattels and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had, and perceaued by the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, whiche shall haue power by authoritie aforesayde: the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr discretion, vppon the othe of the sayde person so complaynyng, maye abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, accordyng as it shall appeare vnto them iuste, vppon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth. And yf it be proued by wytnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same

person so tared, and sworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thynges aboue specified, at the tyme of his sayd othe, then the same person so sworne dyd declare vpon his sayd othe: that then euery such person so offending, shal lose and forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie, so muche in lawfull money of Englande, as he the same person so sworne, was set at, or tared to pay.

AND also it is enacted by the same aucthoritie, that euery person to be rated at the sayde taration, as is aforesayde, shall be rated, tared, and set, and the summe on hym set, to be leuied at such place where he and his familie at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe his house or dwellyng, or where he then shalbe moste conuersaunt, abydyng, or resiaunt, or shall haue his moste resort, at the tyme of the sayde Certificat to be made, and no where els. And that no Commissioner for this Subsidye, shall be rated or tared, for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre and other place where he shalbe Commissioner. And that yf any person chargeable to this Acte, at the tyme of the same assessyng, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen: then he to be set where he was laste abydyng in this Realme, or within Wales, and after the substaunce, value, and other profites of euery person, to be knowen by the examination, certificat, or other maner of wyse, as is aforesayde. And that the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission or Commissions, shall after the rate and rates aforesayde, cause euery person to be set, rated, and tared, accordyng to the rate of the substaunce and value of his landes, goodes, cattelles, and other profites chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greatest and most beste summe or summes, accordyng to his moste substaunce, by reason of this Acte, myght, or maye be set, or tared. And that euery person tared in any Countie or place, other then where he is most resiaunt, or hath his familie, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commissioner for this Subsidie, yf he be a Commissioner, vppon certificat made to the sayde court of Exchequer, vnder the handes and seales of two Commissioners for the Subsidye in the same Countie or place where suche person is moste resiaunte, or hath his familie, or where he is a Commissioner for the taration and payemente of this Subsidie, testifiyng suche his moste resiauncie, hauyng of familie, or beyng a Commissioner: shall be a sufficient discharge for the taration of that person in all other places, and of, and for all other summes of money vppon suche person so set and tared, saue onlye the taration made in that Countie or place from which such certificat shalbe made, as is aforesayde, and for the summe of money vppon suche person there assessed or tared,

tared. And that suche certificat, without any plea or other circumstaunce, shall be a sufficient warraunt, aswell to the Barons and Auditour and Auditours of the sayde Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whom the alowaunce therof shall appertayne, paying for such discharge & alowance, onely. vi.d. & no more.

Prouyded alwayes, that euery suche person, whiche shall be rated, or tared, accordyng to the intent and true meanyng of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subsidie, for, and after the yerely value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions or profites, at any of the sayde tarations, shall not after be set and tared for his goodes and cattelles, or other his moueable substaunce at the same taration, and that he that shall be set, charged, or tared for the same Subsidye, for his goodes, catteis, and other moueables, at any of the sayde tarations, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall not after be charged, tared, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profites aboue sayde, at the same tarations, nor any of them, nor that any person by any taration be double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor set nor tared at seuerall places by reason of this Acte. But yf any person happen to be double set, tared, or charged, eyther in one place, or at seuerall places: then he to be discharged of the one taration, and charged with the other, accordyng to the meanyng and intent of this Acte. Any thyng contayned in this present Acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that it be ordeyned and enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauyng two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe houshold seruaunt, or waytyng seruaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde, or Lady, Maister, or Maistres, be excused vpon his saying, from the tares of the sayde Subsidie, in neyther of the places where he may be set or tared, vnlesse he bryng a certificat in wrytyng from the Commissioners, where that he is so set or tared in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be set and tared to this present Subsidie, by reason of his remouyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was tared, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwellyng or abydyng in any place, not being forprysed in this Acte, or otherwise, by his couyne or craft, or by any wordes or sayinges, or yf any that is a Commissioner or Assessour of others, happen to escape from the sayd tarations of this Subsidie, or any of them, and be not set and tared, accordyng to the true intent of this Act, & that proued by presentment, examination, information, or otherwise, before the said Commissioners, or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the Countie where such perso dwelleth:

then euery ſuche perſon that by ſuche meanes, or otherwyſe wyllyngly by couyne, or without iuſt cauſe, ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſayde tarations, or payments aforeſayde, or any of them, and ſhall not be rated, tared, and ſet, ſhall be charged vppon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with and at the double value of ſo muche as he ſhould, myght, or ought to haue ben ſet and tared at, by vertue of this Acte. And the ſame double value to be leuied, gathered, and payde, of his goodes and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, towardes the ſayde Subſidie, and further to be punyſhed accordyng to the diſcretions of the Barons, Juſtices, and Commiſſioners, before whom he ſhall be conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde Commiſſioners in euery Commiſſion, ſhall accordyng to theyr deuiſions, and after they be deuyded, haue full power and aucthoritie by this Acte, to ſet, tare, and ſelle euery other Commiſſioner, ioyned with them in euery ſuche Commiſſion and deuiſion, and ſhall alſo aſſeſſe euery aſſeſſour within theyr deuiſion, for his and theyr goodes, landes, and other the premiſſes, as is aboueſayde: by the whiche ſayde Commiſſion, the ſayde Commiſſioners ſhall indifferently ſet, tare, and aſſeſſe them ſelues and the ſayde aſſeſſours. And that aſwell the ſummes vppon euery of the ſayde Commiſſioners and aſſeſſours, ſo ſeſſed, rated, and tared, as the ſummes made and preſented by the preſenters ſworne as is aboueſayde, ſhalbe wrytten, certified, ſet, and eſtreated, and the eſtreates thereof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties, within the limittes of the ſame Commiſſion and deuiſion, ſo to be gathered and leuied, in lyke maner as it ought or ſhoulde haue ben, yf the ſayde Commiſſioners had not ben in the ſayde Commiſſion. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Barons, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhall be charged with theyr free holde, and value, as is aboueſayde, by the Chauncellour, or Lord Keper of the great Seale of England, the hygh Treaſourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, and other ſuche perſons, as by the Queenes Maieſties aucthoritie or commaundement, ſhall be named and appoynted, and they to be charged for the ſayde ſeuerall paymentes of the ſayde Subſidie, after the fourme of the ſayde graunt, accordyng to the taration aforeſayde. And the ſummes of and vppon them, to be ſet and tared, with the names of the Collectours, appoynted for the gatheryng and paying of the ſame, to be eſtreated, delyuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue ſpecified, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or Keper of the great Seale, and Treaſourer, and other ſuche perſons, as therebnto ſhalbe named.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that after

after the taxes and assesses of the sayde summes, vppon and by the sayde assessyng and certificat, as is aforesayde, made by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted, and haue aucthoritie by the Queenes Maiesties commission: shall with all speede, and without delay, by the wrytyng estreated of the sayde taxe thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted, at the least, shall be delyuered vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subconstables, Baylyffes, and other officers ioyntly, of Hundredes, Townes, Paryshes, and other places aforesayde, within theyr limittes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same, onlye by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, aswell the particular names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money taxed and set, of, and vppon euery person, aswell man as woman chargeable to this Acte, houlholders, and all other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayde Paryshes, Townes, and places contributorie to this Acte of Subsidye. By aucthoritie of whiche wrytyng or estreate so delyuered, the sayde officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the delyuery of the sayde wryting or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery person therin specified, the summe and summes in the same wrytyng or estreate comprysed, and for non payment thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so beyng behynde, by theyr goodes and cattels, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not pay such summe of money as shalbe taxed by aucthoritie of this Acte, within the same. viii. dayes: then the same distresse to be apprayseb by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the sayd Constable, or other Collectours, for the payment of the said money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and kepyng thereof, (yf any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, which sayde officers & other persons so deputed, to aske, take, gather, and leuie the sayde summes, shall aunswere and be charged for the portion only to them assigned and limitted, to be gathered, leuied and comprysed in the sayde wrytyng or estreate, so to them, as is aforesayde, deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her heyres and successours, and the sayde summe in that wrytyng or estreate comprysed, to paye vnto the hygh Collectour or Collectours of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, therevnto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes and officers, so

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gathering the same particular summes, for their collection therof, shall reteyne for euery. xx. s. so by them receaued and payde, two pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made to the hygh Collectour or Collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the sayde aucthoritie, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more part of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and busines of the sayd Commission, shall for euery of the same paymentes of the sayd Subsidie, name such sufficient and hable persons, whiche then shall haue and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right, of the yerely value of. xx. li. or goodes to the value of two hundreth markes at the least, in Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuileged, as without, not beyng forepryled within this Acte to be hygh Collectours, and to haue the collection and receipt of the said summes, set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they shall be so limitted and appoynted to be hygh Collectours. And to euery of the said Collectours so seuerally named, the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the least, with al speede, and without delay, after the said whole summe of any payment of the sayd Subsidy, be set by all the limittes of the same their commission, or in such limittes as the hygh Collectours shalbe so seuerally assigned: shall vnder their seales & signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment, comprising in it, the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayde particular summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapētake, Towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreate so first therof made & deliuered, as is aforesayd. And the Collectours so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswere the whole summe comprysed in the sayd estreate limitted to his collection, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that the sayde Commissioners, hauyng aucthoritie by this Acte, to name and nominate the sayd high Collectours of the sayd Subsidy: shal immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligations, without any fee or reward to be payde therfore, of euery person so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made vppon suche condition: That is to saye, for the collection of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidye, that yf the sayde Collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely content & pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours, in the receipte of the sayde Exchequer, at or before the sayde first day of Aprill next ensuyng, so much of the

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sayde summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunces or obligations to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie, vpon condition, that if the sayd collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely content and paye to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the first day of Aprill, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M. D. lxviii. so much of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shal collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he hath gathered & collected the same residue: that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. Whiche sayde seueral recognisaunces, or obligations so taken, the said Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayde tarations and rates of the paymentes of the sayd Subsidy, at, and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificat of the sayd seuerall tarations of the sayde Subsidy, vpon payne of forfayture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery such Collectour, so elected, named, and chosen, vpon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, vppon lyke payne and forfayture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for the refusall thereof. And euery Collectour so deputed, hauyng the sayde estreate in parchment, as is aforesayde, shall haue auctoritie by this Acte, to appoint dayes and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the sayde Subsidie, to hym to be made, and thereof to geue warnyng by Proclamation, or otherwyse, to all the Constables, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, hauyng the charge of the particular collection within the Hundredes, Paryshes, Townes, or other places by hym or them limitted, to make payment for the sayd particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertayne. And if at the same day and place so limitted and prefixed by the sayd hygh Collectour, the sayde Constable, officers, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, as is aforesayde, for the sayde perticular collection, assigned and appointed within suche Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the said high Collectours, the summe within theyr seueral Hundredes, Townes, Paryshes, and other places, due, and compyled in the sayd estreate thereof to them deliuered by the sayde Commissioners, or some of them, as is aforesayde, or

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so much thereof as they haue by any meane receaued (ii. d. of euery pounde, for the sayde particular collection, as is aforesayde, alwayes to be thereof allowed, excepted, and abated:) that then it shall be lawfull to the sayde hygh Collectours, and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for theyr sayde seuerall and particuler collection of the sayde summes, comprysed in the sayde estreate and wrytyng thereof to them and euery of them as is before expressed, delyuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behynde and vnpayde, by the goodes and cattels of euery of them so beyng behynde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and solde, as is aforesayde, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then beyng behynde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus commyng of the sale of the sayd distresse (yf any be) to be restored and delyuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouyded alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessour or Collectour, of, or for any part of the sayde Subsidye, in any place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde auctoritie enacted, that yf any inhabitaunt, or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the Collection or receipt of any part or portion of the sayde Subsidie, by any maner of meanes, accordyng to this Acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper, gardian, deputie, factour, or attourney, of, or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattels of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessyng to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of, and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Mistierie, or other whatsoeuer communaltie, being incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauyng in theyr rule, gouernaunce, and custody, any goodes or cattels, at the tyme of the sayd assessyng, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custody of any goodes or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communaltie, Fraternitie, Guylde, or Mistierie, or any suche other lyke, or as factour, deputie, or atturney, of, or for any person: shalbe tared, rated, valued, and set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vpon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so tared and set, or his goods or cattels be so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert maner

maner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreates or other wrytynges from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the sayde Commission, as is aforesayde, can ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprysed within the same estreates, by distresse within the limittes of theyr collection, as is aforesayde, or can not sell suche distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the said paymentes, before the tyme limitted to the hygh Collectour, for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt: then vppon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of suche person or persons as shalbe charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe therevnto appointed, where suche person or persons, or other, as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattels, were set and tared, and vpon playne certificat thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had, as is aforesayd: then aswell the Constables and other inhabitauntes appoynted for the sayde particuler collection, against the hygh Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accompt and othe in the said Exchequer, to be discharged thereof, and procesle to be made for the Queenes Maiestie, out of the said Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the sayde Exchequer, against suche person, his heyres, or executours, so being behind with his payment. And ouer that, that the same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made, in fourme aforesaid, from time to time, shal haue full power & authoritie, to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the said person or persons charged with any summe, of, for, and vpon any such person or persons, or other as is aforesaide, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bailiffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenements, or other hereditaments, or real possessions, goodes and cattels, wherby any such person or persons so indebted, his heyres, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custody, gouernance, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenements, or other hereditaments, which ought or may by this Acte lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath and shal haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenements, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons, may, or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of such Commission where suche person or persons was and were tared, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, Marches, or Territories.

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By which precept, aswell suche person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie suche money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and auctho̅itie to distrayne euery suche person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or administratours, of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, lessees, farmours, and assignes, and all other persons, by whose handes, or out of whose landes, any suche persons shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or which at the tyme of the sayde assessing, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thyng moueable, of any suche person or persons beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kept, appreased, and solde, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aforesayd for the distresse to be taken, vpon suche persons to be tared to the sayde Subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distrayne within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitaunts, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vpon them to be tared. And yf any suche distresse, for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the sayde persons charged and assigned to leuie the same: the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shal perceaue & take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, goyng for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any such person so laboureth for the same, ii.d. And euery Farmour, Tenaunt, Gardian, Factour, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distrayned, or otherwyse charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes of hym or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next daye of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattels, as he hath at is so distrayned, had in his custody and gouernaunce, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so tared and set: any graunt or writyng obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrarye, made heretofore, notwithstandyng.

And yf any suche person that shoulde be so distrayned, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenaunties and Farmours may be distrayned, or haue alienes or hyd his goodes and cattelles, wherby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in such maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, to that the summe, of, or by hym to be payde in the sayde fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuied: then vppon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therunto appoynted, where such person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of hym or them that shall be charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes: the same Commissioners shall make a precept, in suche maner as is aforesayde, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of such person or persons that ought

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to pay the sayde summes, and by this Act shalbe charged with and for the sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to kepe in prison, within the shire or other place where any such person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise, vntyll he hath payde the same summe or summes, that suche person for hym selfe, or for any other, by this Act shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of euery such arrest, to hym or them that shall execute such precept, xx. d. And that euery officer, vnto whom such precept shall be directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indebted, vpon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe, xx. s. And that no keper of any Gaile, from his Gaile suffer any such person to go at large by lettyng to bayle, or otherwyse to depart out of his prison, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the saide, xx. d. for the said arrest, vppon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie, xl. s. and the same Gailer to pay vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, aswell of the rate which the sayde person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayde, xx. d. for the fees. And lyke processe & remedie, in lyke fourme, shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therunto appoynted, at lyke information of euery person or persons beyng charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons by reason of the saide Subsidie, and not therof paide, but wylfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limittes where such persons were therevnto tared. And yf the summe or summes, beyng behynde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the same Commissioners, or yf in default or for lacke of payment therof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to prison in fourme aboresaide: that then the sayde Commissioners whiche shall awarde such processe, shall make certificat therof in the saide Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Tearme next folowyng after suche summe or summes of money so beyng behynde, shalbe leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same committed to prison.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborow, Bursholder, Bailiffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf

any of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertayne and belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or request, touchyng the premisses, or other default, in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to be indifferently tayed, as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto assigned, as is aforesayde, or wyll not appeare before the same Commissioners vppon warnyng to hym made, or els make resistaunce or rescous, vppon any distresse vppon hym to be taken for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of wise contrary to this Acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wylfull not doyng, or misdoyng contrary to the tenour of this Acte or graunt: The same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vppon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information or examination, shall and may set vppon euery suche offendour for euery suche offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forfayted, fourtie shyllynges, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctheritie by this present Act, to punishe euery suche offendour by imprysonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient: the sayd fines, if any such be, to be certified by the sayde Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the Collectours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into the sayde Exchequer, to be there with charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in suche maner, as yf the sayd fines had ben set and tayed vppon the sayde offendours, for the sayde Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctheritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the sayde hygh Collectours, whiche shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie in the sayde Exchequer, vpon theyr seuerall accomptes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charged, and yelde accompt, vi.d. as parcell of their charge: That is to say, of euery pounde thereof, for suche person as then haue had the particuler collection in the Townes and other places as is aforesaid, specified in his collection, ii.d. And other, ii.d. of euery pounde therof euery of the sayd chiefe Collectours or their accomptauntes to retayne to their owne vse, for their labour and charge, in and about

about the premisses. And. ii.d. of euery pounde residue to be deliuered, allowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for and about the premisses; That is to say, euerye Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which had the orderyng of the wrytynges, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for the expences of the sayde Commissioners so takyng vpon them the sayde businesse and labour of their Clarkes wrytyng the sayde preceptes and extractes for the sayde collections, the same last. ii.d. of euery pounde to be diuided amongest the said Commissioners, hauyng regarde to their labour and businesse, taken by them or theyr sayde Clarkes, in, and about the premisses. For the whiche part so to the sayde Commissioners attaynyng, the sayde Commissioners, vi.v.iiii.iii. or two, or as many of them as shalbe thervnto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayde part, may haue his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche thereof ben and myght haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther Iniunction, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person nowe beyng of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any Collectour or Subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsidie, or of any part thereof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or Certificat, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayd Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof. And lykewyse that no other person that shalbe named or assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie, be, or shalbe assigned or named head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, neyther of any part therof. And that euery such person or persons whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head Collectours, in, and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shall not be compelled to be Collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, or for any part thereof. And the sayd Collectours which shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsidie, or for any part thereof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the same to be asked. And that yf any person receaue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any such accomptaunt: that then he shall forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie, for

euery peny or value of euery peny so taken, fiue shillinges, and suffer imprysonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the sayde Subsidies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchement, vnto the Collectour, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the sayd Commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this Act, within the limittes of their Commission, by their agreementes, shall haue meetyng together, at whiche meetyng, euery of the sayde Commissioners whiche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the sayd Commission, shal by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng forth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the sayd Commission, the Certificat and presentment, made before hym and such other Commissioners as were limitted with him in one limit, so that the same Certificat may be accompted and cast with the other Certificates of the other limittes within the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, yf any be in lyfe, or their executours, or administratours of their goodes yf they then be dead, shal ioyntly and seuerally, as they were deuided within their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion, make one or seuerall writinges indented, containing in it, as well the names of the said Collectours, by the Commissioners for such collection and accomptes in the Exchequer, & payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes written vnto euery such Collectours to receaue the sayd Subsidie. And also al fines, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures, if any such by reason of this Act happen to be within the precinct & limit of their Commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayd Commissioners. In which writyng or writynges indented, so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared and expressed the whole and entire summe or summes of the sayde Subsidie, seuerally limitted to the collection of the sayde Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the said Collectours so certified in the said Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his felowe, but euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said Commissioners, ioyned in one commission, among themselues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Cõmissioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in fourme aforesaid, of their seuerall limits, or seperations of Collectours within the limittes of their Commission, vpon & in

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the Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke deuisions within theyr sayde seuerall limittes of theyr Commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and deuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seme good, to make deuisions of theyr limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his part to hym to be limitted, onlye by hym selfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours to be set and certified seuerally vppon them. And euery suche Collectour, vppon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to be seuerally by hym selfe acquited and discharged in the sayde Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vppon the payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that, as is aforesayde, shall before any suche Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and writynges thereof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsidye, or any other person, tared, or otherwyse by this Acte charged with and for any parcell of the sayde Subsidye, or with any other summes, fyne, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfayture, happen to dye, before the Commissioner, Collectour, or other, whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplyshed, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged that whiche to euery suche person shall appertayne or belong to do, according to this Acte: then the executours and heyres of euery suche person, and all other seased of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this Acte, and deceasyng before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onlye had, of estate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwyse charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, satisfied, or payde, by reason of this Acte: And all thole that haue in theyr possessions or handes, any goodes, cattels, leasles, or other thynges, that were to any suche person or persons at the tyme of his death, or any landes or tenementes, that were the same persons, at the tyme he was (as is aforesayde) charged by this Acte, shall be by the same compelled and charged, to do, and accomplyshe to do, in euery case as the same person so beyng charged shoulde haue done, and myght haue ben compelled to do, yf he hadde ben in playne lyfe, after suche rate, of the landes and goodes of the sayde Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his hande. And yf the sayd Commissioners, for causes reasonable

them mouyng, shall thynke it not conuenient to ioyne in one Certificat, as is aforesayde: then the sayde person or persons that shall fyrst ioyne together, or he that shall fyrst certifie the sayde wrytyng indented, as is aforesayde, shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherevppon suche wrytynges shalbe there then to be certified, with deuision of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tythynges, or other places, to, and among suche Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where suche seperations and deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswell of and for the sayde Subsidye, taxed or set, of, or within the sayde Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to hym or them deuyded or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde fyrste wrytyng, as of the fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfaytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes whereof the same wrytynges shalbe certified, and after suche wrytyng indented, whiche, as is aforesayde, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and full summes set and taxed within the limittes of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the daye of payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall certifie into the sayde Exchequer, by theyr wrytyng or wrytynges indented, to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and taxed within the places to them limitted for the sayde Subsidye, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfaytures, with the names of the Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wrytynges indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, suche reasonable causes for theyr excuses, why they may not make suche Certificat, of, and for the sayde Subsidye, fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures growyng or set by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of theyr non certifying, as is aboue sayde, or els in defaulte thereof, processe to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, agaynst the sayde Commissioners, and euery of them, not makyng Certificat, as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasourer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the Paryshe of Saint Martin, called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamforde, in the South part of the water there, called Welland, whiche hereafter shalbe contributory to the payment of this present Subsidy, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours: shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this time, by such Commissioners which shalbe appointed for the taxing, ratyng, and sellyng of suche Subsidie or taxe, within the Countie of Lyncolne,

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and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsidye to the Collectour or Collectours which shalbe assigned and appointed for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stamforde.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, hauing manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidye graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauyng spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme in their conuocation, and ouer this, hauyng substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde Acte: that then if any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared for his or their goodes and cattels: that then he or they shalbe onlye charged by vertue of this Acte for his and their sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions or only for his sayde goodes and cattelles, the beste thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouyded alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidye, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers, in Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers, haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady, in Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them: Any thyng in this present Acte to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also that this present Acte of Subsidye, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englyshe inhabitauntes or reliauntes, in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwycke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Byshoprycke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the Towne of Barwicke, the

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Towne of Newcastle vppon Tine, or the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for theyr attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwycke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, to, or for the sayde tarying, leuying, gatherying, or payment: but that the Englyshe inhabitauntes and restauntes, and euery of them, of the sayd Counties, Bysshoprycke, and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of, and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying and beyng in the sayde Counties, Townes, and Bysshoprycke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: Any thyng in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that al letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her moste noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes, within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present tyme in force and bayleable, shall remayne good and effectuall, to the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, accordyng to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vppon the great and wayghtie consideration of the graunt abouesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, fourme, and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche be not in any wyse priuileged, but be by this Acte charged.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no Orphante or Infant within the age of .xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to hym or her left or bequeathed: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Bysshop Wikham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton nere Windsor, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuenues, only assigned or appoynted for the sustentation and lyuyngs of the poore Knights, founded in the Castell or Colledge of Windsor by our late Soueraigne Lord Kyng Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes, or cattels of the sayde Knyghtes, or of any of them, or to the goodes

goodes or landes of any common free Grammer schoole within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholer, or any graduate resiaunt or remaynyng for studie, without fraude or couin, within any of the sayde Vniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambrydge and Oxforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any their seruauntes dayly attendaunt vpon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almes man, or seruauntes belongyng to any of the sayde Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostelles, and dwellyng and resiaunt within the sayde Vniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, and Suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Mealondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relieue of poore people: Any thyng in this Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, do not in any wyse extende, or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate or vnited to the same fiue Portes, or to any of the same fiue Portes, of, or for any part or parcell of the sayd summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayd inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or payde: But the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fiue Portes, and theyr membres, be, and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, duryng theyr resiauncie there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoeuer thyng in this present Act, had or made to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitauntes and dwellers within the Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, and Carnaruan, be at this present time, charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and seueral Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Mary, and to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, and yet vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this Acte of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, and Carnaruan, with

with this preſent Subſidie, or any of the paymentes therof graun-ted by this Acte, vntyll the laſt day for them appoynted for the pay-ment of the laſt Subſidie, graunted to the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, be fully expired. And that then the firſt payment of the ſayde Subſidie, grounted by this preſent Act, ſhalbe by them made at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, at or before the firſt day of Nouember next folowyng after the ſayde laſt day appoynted for the payment of the laſt Subſidie. And the ſecond payment of this Subſidie, to be made at the ſayde receipt of Exchequer, before the firſt day of June then next folowyng.

God ſaue the Queene.

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An Acte of the Queenes Maieſties free and generall pardon.

¶ The.xix.Chapter.

THE Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, conſidering the great zeale and affection, which her louing and obedient ſubiectes beare to her highneſſe, as by many wayes they haue declared and ſhewed from tyme to tyme, ſythens the beginning of her Maieſties raigne, and calling to her moſt gracious remembraunce, into how many penalties and daungers of her Maieſties lawes, ſundry of her ſayde louing ſubiectes be fallen, and coueting rather theyr amendementes by gentle and mercyfull meanes, then with ſeuere execution of her highneſſe lawes, to be enryched by theyr euyll deedes and offences, and truſtyng aſſuredlye, that her ſayd louyng ſubiectes wyll continue in their due obedience and louyng heartes towardes her Maieſtie, and that they from henceforth wyl endeuour them ſelues, as obedient ſubiectes to lyue accordyng to her hyghneſſe lawes: Her Maieſtie is therefore mercyfully enclined and moued, to graunt and geue vnto her ſayde louyng ſubiectes, a generall, free, and beneficiall pardon, and thereby to deliuer her ſayde ſubiectes from ſuche daungers, penalties, and forfaytures, as through their offences they haue iuſtly deſerued. And therefore her Maieſtie is well pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the auctheritie of this preſent Parliament, in maner and fourme folowyng.

That is to ſay, that all and euery of her ſayd Subiectes (aſwell ſpirituall as temporall) of this her highneſſe Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneley and Garneley, and the towne of Barwycke, the heyres, ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them and euery of them, and all and ſinguler bodyes in any maner of wyſe corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Rydynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Tyllages, Hamlettes, and Tythynges, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them; ſhalbe by auctheritie of this preſent

Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releassed, and discharged, agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, successours, and executours, and euery of them, of al maner of treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, alienations, trespases, intrusions, entrees, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaytures, penalties, & summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporall, and pecuniarie, and generallye of all other thinges, causes, quarelles, suites, iudgementes, and executions, in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forprysed, whiche may be or can be by her hyghnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the .xxvi. day of September, in the eyght yere of her most gracious raigne, to euery or any of her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Rydynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Vyllages, and Tythynges, or any of them.

And also the Queenes hyghnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctho*r*itie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, in and against all thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forprysed, as the same pardon shoulde haue ben, yf all offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forprysed) had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and playnely named, rehearsed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names, in theyr kyndes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and tearmes therunto requisite to haue ben put in, and expressed in this present Act of free pardon. And that her sayde Subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executours, or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayde bodyes corporate, and others before named and rehearsed, nor any of them, be nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodyes, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfayture, trespasse, offence, or any other thyng, suffred, done, or committed before the sayde .xxvi. day of September, agaynst her hyghnes, her crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statute: But only for such matters, causes, and offences, as be playnelye rehearsed in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other: Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vsages, or president heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Also the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberalitie, by auctho*r*itie of this present Parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of her sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayd bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goodes, cattelles,

telles, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and summes of money, by any of them forfayted, whiche to her highnes do or should belong or appertaine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entree, misdemeanour, matter, cause, or quarrell, suffred, done, or committed by them, or any of them, before the sayd. xxvi. day of September, which be not hereafter forprysed and excepted in this present Acte. And that all and euery the Queenes sayde subiectes, and all and singuler bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, may by hym or them selfe, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneys, according to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and minister this present Acte of free pardon, for his or their discharge, of and for euery thyng that is by vertue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thyng in any wyse paying to any person or persons, for wrytyng or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng such plea, wrytyng, or entrie, but only. xvi. pence to be payde to the officer or Clarke that shall enter the plea, matter, or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe: Any statute, vsage, or custome to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And furthermore, the Queenes hyghnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayd free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, alowed, and taken in all maner of courtes of her hyghnes, and els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forpryses specified in this present Act, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes, and sentences, mentioned and rehearsed in the sayde free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler her sayde subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and most stronglye in barre and discharge agaynst her hyghnes, her heyres, successours, and executours, in euery thyng, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, or aleaged by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, successours, or executours, or by her or any of theyr generall atturney or atturneys, or by any person or persons for her hyghnes, or any of her heyres, successours, or executours.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, and by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any officer or Clarke of any of her hyghnes courtes, commonly called the kynges Bench, Chauncerie, and Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other officer or Clarke of any other of her courtes within this Realme, at any tyme after the last day of this present moneth of December, make out or wryte out any maner of writtes or other processe, or any extreates, summons, or other preceptes, wher-

by any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayd bodyes corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greeued, in his or their bodyes, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or yf any Shiriffe or Escheatour, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bayliffe or other officer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwayes, after the saide last day of December, do leuie, receaue, or take any thing pardoned or discharged by this Act: that then euery such person so offendyng, and therof lawfully condemned, shall yeelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so greeued or offended, treble damages, besides all costes of the suite: And neuertheles, all and singuler such writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made, for or vpō any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Except and alwayes forprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of hygh treason, committed or done by any person or persons, by any ouert deede or acte, agaynst the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies traytorously had, committed, or done by any person or persons against the Queenes person. And also excepted all and al maner of treasons, committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyonde the Sea, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions. And all suites, punishmentes, executions, and paynes of death, forfaytures, and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the treasons and offences before excepted. And also excepted and forprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all and euery piracie and robbery done vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntary murders and wylfull poysoninges, and all and euery robbery done vpon any person or persons in any dwellyng house or houses in the day tyme. And all felonious takyng of any money or bullion out of the house of treasurie or receipt within the Towre of London, and all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries, of or to any of the said offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauyshmentes of women. And all wilfull escapes (aswell) of traytours and felons (as also) of Clarkes attaynted. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all persons attaynted or outlawed for any treasō, murther, or robbery. And also (excepted) al and euery maner of takyng from the Queene of any goodes or cattels, or the issues, rentes, reuenues, or profites, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, of any traytour, murderer, felon, Clarke or Clarkes, beyng persons attaynted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also all

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goodes and cattels forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any felonie heretofore committed. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, by any person or persons, in or vpon any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the taking of any the issues and profites of the same landes or tenementes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, and also all suites and impetitions for the same. And (excepted) also all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes wardes lands, or in the wardes landes of any of the Queenes committes. And also all and euery fine and fines, for the single and double value of the maryage or maryages of all and euery the Queenes wardes, at any tyme growen to the Queenes Maiestie, or any her noble progenitours. And also al and euery concealement of any custome or Subsidie. And all and singuler accomptes of al and euery Collectour and Collectours of any Subsidie, Fifteene, Benevolence, Myle, or contribution. And of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt to the Queenes hyghnesse, or to her most noble father king Henry the eyght, or to kyng Edwarde the sixt, or to Queene Mary, or to any of them, and the heyres, executours, and administratours of euery such accomptaunt. And all and singuler arrerages of accomptes. And al vntrue accomptes, & al impetitions, suites, demaundes, and executions, whiche can or may be had of or for any accompt or accomptes, or any arrerages of the same. And also (excepted) al inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry, and the conuertyng of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme & effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made. And also excepted and forprysed out of this free pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, affered, tared, set, extreated, or entred, seuerally or particularly, touchyng or concernyng any person or persons. And also excepted and forprysed out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences of all and singuler monyers, and other officers, minters, or workemen, of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties mintes, within this Realme, or any other her dominions, and all impetitions and punyshmentes for the same. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all rauyshmentes and wrongfull takyng and withholdyng of any the Queenes wardes, or wardes landes, at any tyme cummen and growen to the Queenes handes, or that ought to come or be to the Queenes Maiestie, and that yet is not discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, reliefe and reliefes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seckes, and the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Queenes hyghnesse. And also excepted, all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to any her noble progenitours,

genitours, by way or meanes of Subsidie, Fyfteene, benevolence, or contribution, or by any of the same wayes or meanes. And also all debtes, whiche were, or be due to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or to the most noble kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the seuenth, or to kyng Henry the eyght, kyng Edwarde the sixth, or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons to any of theyr vses, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwyse, other then suche as are due vpon any obligation or recognisaunce, forfayte before the sayde. xxvi. day of September, for non apparaunce in any court, or other place, or for not kepyng of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour. And also excepted and forprysed out of this pardon, all and singuler forfaytures being due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by any penaltie of any Acte, statute, or statutes, whiche forfaytures be conuerted into the nature of debt, by iudgement, or by the agreement of the offendour or offendours, or els whereof there is any verdict past for the Queene. And also excepted all forfaytures and other penalties and profites growen or due to the Queene, by reason of any offence, contempt, or other Acte, had, suffred, committed or done contrary to any act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any action, byll, playnt, or information is sued, exhibite or depending in the Queenes Exchequer, or in the courtes commonly called the kinges Bench, and the Common place, or before the councell in the Starre chaumber, or whereof the Queenes hyghnes by her byll signed, or otherwyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or alligniement to any person or persons. And also excepted and forprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all such persons, as the. xxiiii. day of this present moneth of December, in the. ix. yere of her Maiesties raigne, be in prylon within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalley, or in the Fleete, and al persons put to execution before the said. xxiiii. day of December. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all offences of forgyng or counterfayting of any falle deedes, escriptes, or writinges, and all procuryng or concealing of any such counterfaytyng or forgyng to be had or made. And also excepted al penalties, forfaytures, and titles of condition, accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of the breache, or not performing of any couenaunt or condition. And also excepted out of this general and free pardon, al and euery such person & persons whiche sythens the begynnyng of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes dominions for any offence of hygh treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason. And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence and offences, touchyng or concernyng the cariyng, sendyng, or conuertyng ouer the Sea, or out of this Realme, of any golde, syluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde, or syluer, contrary

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to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were, or be by the Queenes licence. And also except, all suche persons as be fled and gone out of this Realme, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence. And also all suche persons as haue obtayned & had licence to depart the Realme for a tyme, and nowe do abyde out of the Realme, without any lawfull excuse, after the tyme of their licence expired.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, which haue tendered or ought to sue liuery out of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of, or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their liuerie, & liueries, out of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of his or theyr manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, yf this Acte had neuer ben had ne made: Any article, thyng or thynges in this present Acte of generall and free pardon, comprysed and specified to the contrary, notwithstandyng. And also except out of this free pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons, wherof the correction and punyshment doth appertayne to the order and iudgement of any ecclesiasticall Judge or court. And also except out of this pardon, all offences of coniurations, witchcraftes, inchauntmentes, and sorceries, committed or done contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery Clarke, and other officer of any the Queenes courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlegatum at the suite of the partie playntife, agaynst suche persons outlawed, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendauntes to make aunswere to the plaintife or playntiffes, at whose suite he or they were outlawed. And that euery person so outlawed, shal sue a writ of Scire facias, against the partie or parties at whose suite he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe alowed to hym that so is outlawed. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all and euery suche person and persons, as before the sayde. xxiiii. day of December, haue ben committed to the custodie and safe kepyng of any other person or persons, out of any ordinary pryson, by the Queenes Maiesties expresse order and commaundement, and whiche nowe be remaynyng and continuing in such custodie and kepyng. And also except

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